

By: Watson

S.B. No. 1437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of an associate judge in a Title IV-D case.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 201.104(e), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and subject to Section 201.1042(g), an associate judge may hear and render an order on:

(1) a suit to modify or clarify an existing child support order;

(2) a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment; ~~[or]~~

(3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the respondent's commitment; or

(4) a motion for postjudgment relief, including a motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment, if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the referring court.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a Title IV-D case referred to an associate judge under Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A Title IV-D case referred to an associate judge before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the

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1 date the case was referred, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.