

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1437
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the powers of an associate judge in a Title IV-D case.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 201.104, Family Code, is
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and subject to Section
1-13 201.1042(g), an associate judge may hear and render an order on:

1-14 (1) a suit to modify or clarify an existing child
1-15 support order;

1-16 (2) a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke
1-17 a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment;
1-18 [~~or~~]

1-19 (3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions
1-20 provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the
1-21 respondent's commitment; or

1-22 (4) a motion for postjudgment relief, including a
1-23 motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment,
1-24 if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the
1-25 referring court.

1-26 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-27 to a Title IV-D case referred to an associate judge under Subchapter
1-28 B, Chapter 201, Family Code, on or after the effective date of this
1-29 Act. A Title IV-D case referred to an associate judge before the
1-30 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
1-31 date the case was referred, and the former law is continued in
1-32 effect for that purpose.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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