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H.B. No. 2422

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the procedure for providing a copy of the final decree
3 of dissolution of a marriage to a party who waived service of
4 process.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 6.710, Family Code, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 6.710. NOTICE [~~COPY~~] OF FINAL DECREE. The clerk of the
9 court shall mail a notice of the signing [~~copy~~] of the final decree
10 of dissolution of a marriage to the party who waived service of
11 process under Section 6.4035 [~~by mailing the copy of the decree to~~
12 ~~the party~~] at the mailing address contained in the waiver or [~~to~~
13 the office of the party's attorney of record. The notice must state
14 that a copy of the decree is available at the office of the clerk of
15 the court and include the physical address of that office.

16 SECTION 2. Section 6.710, Family Code, as amended by this
17 Act, applies to a suit for dissolution of a marriage filed on or
18 after the effective date of this Act. A suit for dissolution of a
19 marriage filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by
20 the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law
21 is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.