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H.B. No. 2422

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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. COPY OF DECREE. The petitioner in a suit for
9 dissolution of a marriage [~~clerk of the court~~] shall mail a copy of
10 the final decree of dissolution of a marriage to the party who
11 waived service of process under Section 6.4035 by mailing the copy
12 of the decree to the party at the mailing address contained in the
13 waiver or to the office of the party's attorney of record.

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.