

1-1 By: Thompson (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 2422
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the procedure for providing a copy of the final decree
1-9 of dissolution of a marriage to a party who waived service of
1-10 process.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 6.710, Family Code, is amended to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 Sec. 6.710. NOTICE [COPY] OF FINAL DECREE. The clerk of the
1-15 court shall mail a notice of the signing [copy] of the final decree
1-16 of dissolution of a marriage to the party who waived service of
1-17 process under Section 6.4035 [~~by mailing the copy of the decree to~~
1-18 ~~the party]~~ at the mailing address contained in the waiver or [~~to~~
1-19 the office of the party's attorney of record. The notice must state
1-20 that a copy of the decree is available at the office of the clerk of
1-21 the court and include the physical address of that office.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 6.710, Family Code, as amended by this
1-23 Act, applies to a suit for dissolution of a marriage filed on or
1-24 after the effective date of this Act. A suit for dissolution of a
1-25 marriage filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by
1-26 the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law
1-27 is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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