

1-1 By: Taylor, Thompson of Harris H.B. No. 154
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - West)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-4 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Jurisprudence; May 16, 2013, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 West | X | | | |
| 1-9 Rodriguez | | | X | |
| 1-10 Campbell | X | | | |
| 1-11 Carona | X | | | |
| 1-12 Garcia | X | | | |
| 1-13 Hancock | X | | | |
| 1-14 Paxton | X | | | |

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the termination of the parent-child relationship and
 1-19 the duty to pay child support in circumstances involving mistaken
 1-20 paternity.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 161.005(e) and (i), Family Code, are
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (e) A petition under Subsection (c) must be filed not later
 1-25 than the second [~~first~~] anniversary of the date on which the
 1-26 petitioner becomes aware of the facts alleged in the petition
 1-27 indicating that the petitioner is not the child's genetic father.

1-28 (i) An order under Subsection (h) terminating the
 1-29 parent-child relationship ends the petitioner's obligation for
 1-30 future support of the child as of the date the order is rendered, as
 1-31 well as the obligation to pay interest that accrues after that date
 1-32 on the basis of a child support arrearage or money judgment for a
 1-33 child support arrearage existing on that date. The order does not
 1-34 affect the petitioner's obligations for support of the child
 1-35 incurred before that date [~~or the petitioner's obligation to pay~~
 1-36 ~~interest that accrues after that date on the basis of child support~~
 1-37 ~~arrearsages existing on that date]. Those obligations are~~
 1-38 enforceable until satisfied by any means available for the
 1-39 enforcement of child support other than contempt.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 161.005, Family Code, as amended by this
 1-41 Act, applies only to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship
 1-42 pending in a trial court on the effective date of this Act or filed
 1-43 on or after that date. A suit affecting the parent-child
 1-44 relationship in which a final order is rendered before the
 1-45 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
 1-46 date the order was rendered, and the former law is continued in
 1-47 effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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