By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2013; April 24, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 16, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7. Navs 0: May 16, 2013, cont to printer 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.) 1-5

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COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	West	Х			
1-9	Rodriguez	Х			
1-10	Campbell	Х			
1-11	Carona	Х			
1-12	Garcia	Х			
1-13	Hancock	Х			
1-14	Paxton	Х			

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1**-**17 1**-**18 relating to certain procedures in family or juvenile law proceedings. 1-19

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 51.014(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-21

1-22 1-23 (b) An interlocutory appeal under Subsection (a), other than an appeal under Subsection (a)(4) or in a suit brought under 1-24 the Family Code, stays the commencement of a trial in the trial court pending resolution of the appeal. An interlocutory appeal 1-25 under Subsection (a)(3), (5), or (8) also stays all other 1-26 1-27 1-28 proceedings in the trial court pending resolution of that appeal. SECTION 2. Section 6.4035(c), Family Code, is amended to 1-29 read as follows:

1-30 (c) Notwithstanding Section 132.001, Civil Practice and 1-31 Remedies Code, the [The] waiver must be sworn before a notary public 1-32 who is [but may] not [be sworn before] an attorney in the suit.

1-33 SECTION 3. Sections 201.015(a) and (e), Family Code, are amended to read as follows: 1-34

(a) A party may request a de novo hearing before the referring court by filing with the clerk of the referring court a written request not later than the <u>third</u> [seventh] working day after the date the party receives notice of the substance of the 1-35 1-36 1-37 1-38 1-39 associate judge's report as provided by Section 201.011.

If a request for a de novo hearing before the referring 1-40 (e) court is filed by a party, any other party may file a request for a de novo hearing before the referring court not later than the <u>third</u> [seventh] working day after the date the initial request was filed. 1-41 1-42 1-43

SECTION 4. Section 201.1042(b), Family Code, is amended to 1 - 441-45 read as follows:

(b) The party requesting a de novo hearing before the referring court shall file notice with the clerk of the referring court not later than the <u>third</u> [seventh] working day after the date 1-46 1-47 1-48 the associate judge signs the proposed order or judgment. SECTION 5. Sections 201.317(a) and (d), Family Code, are 1-49

1-50 1-51 amended to read as follows:

(a) A party may request a de novo hearing before the referring court by filing with the clerk of the referring court a 1-52 1-53 written request not later than the third [seventh] working day 1-54 1-55 after the date the party receives notice of the substance of the associate judge's report as provided by Section 201.313. (d) If a request for a de novo hearing before the referring 1-56

1-57 1-58 court is filed by a party, any other party may file a request for a de novo hearing before the referring court not later than the third 1-59 [seventh] working day after the date the initial request was filed. 1-60 1-61 SECTION 6. The change in law made by this Act to Section H.B. No. 1366 2-1 51.014(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, applies only to an 2-2 appeal of an interlocutory order rendered on or after the effective 2-3 date of this Act. An appeal of an interlocutory order rendered 2-4 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in 2-5 effect immediately before that date, and the former law is 2-6 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-7 SECTION 7. The change in law made by this Act to Section 2-8 6.4035(c), Family Code, applies to a waiver of service of process 2-9 executed by a party to a suit for the dissolution of a marriage on or 2-10 after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the suit 2-11 is filed before, on, or after that date.

SECTION 8. The changes in law made by this Act to Chapter 2-13 201, Family Code, apply only to a request for a de novo hearing in a 2-14 case referred to an associate judge under Chapter 201, Family Code, 2-15 on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for a de novo 2-16 hearing in a case referred to an associate judge before the 2-17 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the 2-18 date the case was referred, and the former law is continued in 2-19 effect for that purpose.

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SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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