

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2710
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;
 1-3 May 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the duty of an attorney ad litem to locate and represent
 1-20 a defendant in a suit to collect a delinquent ad valorem tax.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 33, Tax Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Section 33.475 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 33.475. ATTORNEY AD LITEM REPORT; APPROVAL OF FEES.

1-25 (a) In a suit to collect a delinquent tax, an attorney ad litem
 1-26 appointed by a court to represent the interests of a defendant
 1-27 served with process by means of citation by publication or posting
 1-28 shall submit to the court a report describing the actions taken by
 1-29 the attorney ad litem to locate and represent the interests of the
 1-30 defendant.

1-31 (b) The court may not approve the fees of the attorney ad
 1-32 litem until the attorney ad litem submits the report required by
 1-33 this section and the court determines that the actions taken by the
 1-34 attorney ad litem as described in the report were sufficient to
 1-35 discharge the attorney's duties to the defendant.

1-36 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-37 an attorney ad litem appointed to represent the interests of a
 1-38 defendant in a delinquent tax suit on or after the effective date of
 1-39 this Act. An attorney ad litem appointed to represent the interests
 1-40 of a defendant in a delinquent tax suit before the effective date of
 1-41 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the attorney
 1-42 was appointed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 1-43 purpose.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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