

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 813
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2015; March 3, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 28, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 28, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Ellis	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Fraser	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of digitized signatures in certain family law
1-20 proceedings.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1, Family Code, is amended
1-23 by adding Section 1.109 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 1.109. USE OF DIGITIZED SIGNATURE. (a) A digitized
1-25 signature on an original petition under this title or any other
1-26 pleading or order in a proceeding under this title satisfies the
1-27 requirements for and imposes the duties of signatories to
1-28 pleadings, motions, and other papers identified under Rule 13,
1-29 Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

1-30 (b) A digitized signature under this section may be applied
1-31 only by, and must remain under the sole control of, the person whose
1-32 signature is represented.

1-33 SECTION 2. Title 2, Family Code, is amended by adding
1-34 Subtitle E to read as follows:

1-35 SUBTITLE E. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-36 CHAPTER 47. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-37 Sec. 47.001. USE OF DIGITIZED SIGNATURE. (a) A digitized
1-38 signature on an original petition or application under this title
1-39 or any other pleading or order in a proceeding under this title
1-40 satisfies the requirements for and imposes the duties of
1-41 signatories to pleadings, motions, and other papers identified
1-42 under Rule 13, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

1-43 (b) A digitized signature under this section may be applied
1-44 only by, and must remain under the sole control of, the person whose
1-45 signature is represented.

1-46 (c) In this section, "digitized signature" has the meaning
1-47 assigned by Section 101.0096.

1-48 SECTION 3. Chapter 81, Family Code, is amended by adding
1-49 Section 81.011 to read as follows:

1-50 Sec. 81.011. USE OF DIGITIZED SIGNATURE. (a) A digitized
1-51 signature on an application for a protective order under this title
1-52 or any other pleading or order in a proceeding under this title
1-53 satisfies the requirements for and imposes the duties of
1-54 signatories to pleadings, motions, and other papers identified
1-55 under Rule 13, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

1-56 (b) A digitized signature under this section may be applied
1-57 only by, and must remain under the sole control of, the person whose
1-58 signature is represented.

1-59 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-60 a proceeding that is commenced on or after the effective date of
1-61 this Act. A proceeding that is commenced before that date is

2-1 governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding was
2-2 commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2-3 purpose.

2-4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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