

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the applicability of certain definitions and certain  
3 laws governing attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, and amicus  
4 attorneys in family law proceedings.

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

6 SECTION 1. Title 2, Family Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subtitle E to read as follows:

8 SUBTITLE E. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9 CHAPTER 47. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 Sec. 47.001. APPLICABILITY OF DEFINITIONS. (a) Except as  
11 provided by Subsection (b), the definitions in Chapter 101 apply to  
12 terms used in this title.

13 (b) If a term defined in this title has a meaning different  
14 from the meaning provided by Chapter 101, the meaning provided by  
15 this title prevails.

16 Sec. 47.002. APPLICABILITY OF LAWS RELATING TO ATTORNEYS AD  
17 LITEM, GUARDIANS AD LITEM, AND AMICUS ATTORNEYS. Chapter 107  
18 applies to the appointment of an attorney ad litem, guardian ad  
19 litem, or amicus attorney under this title.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
21 a proceeding that is commenced on or after the effective date of  
22 this Act. A proceeding that is commenced before that date is  
23 governed by the law as it existed on the date the proceeding was  
24 commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 822 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 822 passed the House on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor