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S.B. No. 822

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain definitions and certain laws governing attorneys ad litem and amicus attorneys in family law proceedings.

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

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

SUBTITLE E. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 47. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

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