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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to the relationship between the Estates Code and the former Texas Probate Code. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 5 SECTION 1. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, relating to 6 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes 7 becomes law. 8 (b) Section 21.002, Estates Code, is amended to read as 9 follows: 10 11 Sec. 21.002. CONSTRUCTION. (a) Except as provided by [this 12 section, Section 22.027[ $_{\tau}$ ] or [Section] 1002.023, Chapter 311, Government Code (Code Construction Act), applies to the 13 construction of a provision of this code. 14 This code and the Texas Probate Code, as amended, shall 15 (b) 16 be considered one continuous statute, and for the purposes of any instrument that refers to the Texas Probate Code, this code shall be 17 considered an amendment to the Texas Probate Code [Chapter 311, 18 Government Code (Code Construction Act), does not apply to the 19 construction of a provision of Subtitle X, Title 2, or Subtitle Y or 20 21 $\frac{2}{7}$ , Title 3]. SECTION 2. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of 22 23 the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, relating to

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nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes does

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1 not become law.

2 (b) Section 21.002, Estates Code, is amended by adding
3 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

4 (c) This code and the Texas Probate Code, as amended, shall
5 be considered one continuous statute, and for the purposes of any
6 instrument that refers to the Texas Probate Code, this code shall be
7 considered an amendment to the Texas Probate Code.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.