

Amend SB 999 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 155.201, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) On receiving notice that a court exercising jurisdiction under Chapter 262 has ordered the transfer of a suit under Section 262.203(a)(2), the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction shall, pursuant to the requirements of Section 155.204(i), transfer the proceedings to the court in which the suit under Chapter 261 is pending, within the time required by Subsection 155.207(a).

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 155.204(i), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) If a transfer order has been signed by a court exercising jurisdiction under Chapter 262, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall ~~[a party may]~~ file the transfer order with the clerk of the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction. On receipt and without a hearing or further order from the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction, the clerk of the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction shall transfer the files as provided by this subchapter within the time required by Subsection 155.207(a).

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 262.203(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On the motion of a party or the court's own motion, if applicable, the court that rendered the temporary order shall in accordance with procedures provided by Chapter 155:

(1) transfer the suit to the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction, if any, within the time required by Subsection 155.207(a), if the court finds that the transfer is:

(A) necessary for the convenience of the parties;  
and

(B) in the best interest of the child;

(2) ~~[if grounds exist for mandatory transfer from the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under Section 155.201,]~~ order transfer of the suit from the ~~[that]~~ court

of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction; or

(3) if grounds exist for transfer based on improper venue, order transfer of the suit to the court having venue of the suit under Chapter 103.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 262, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 262.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.012. For allegations of abuse or neglect arising from the same incident or occurrence, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall file petitions for the protection of children in same home in the same court.