

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2703  
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties express concern regarding the lack of transparency in the appointment of a receiver to protect and preserve the property of a party to a suit for dissolution of marriage while the suit is pending. H.B. 2703 seeks to provide for such transparency by requiring a court to make certain findings and conclusions.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2703 amends the Family Code to require a court, not later than the seventh day after the date a receiver is appointed for the preservation and protection of the property of the parties in a pending suit for dissolution of a marriage, to issue written findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the receiver's appointment. The bill requires a court that dispenses with the issuance of a bond between the spouses in connection with the receiver's appointment to include in the court's findings an explanation of the reasons the court dispensed with the issuance of a bond.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.