

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
86R881 JSC-D

H.B. 554
By: Thompson, Senfronia (Huffman)
State Affairs
5/10/2019
Engrossed

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been noted that recently enacted legislation inadvertently used the wrong term to refer to parties appealing a certain temporary order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship. H.B. 554 seeks to clarify this issue by correcting that error and ratifying certain orders.

H.B. 554 amends current law relating to temporary orders during the pendency of an appeal in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 109.001(b), Family Code, as follows:

(b) Provides that a temporary order under this section (Temporary Orders During Pendency of Appeal) enjoining a party from molesting or disturbing the peace of the child or another party:

(1) is authorized to be rendered without:

(A) the issuance of a bond between the parties, rather than without the issuance of a bond between the spouses; or

(B) makes no changes to this paragraph; and

(2) makes no changes to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. (a) Makes application of this Act prospective.

(b) Provides that, notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the change in law made by this Act applies to a temporary order rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction on or after September 1, 2017, but before the effective date of this Act. Provides that the legislature ratifies such an order.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.