

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to written agreements incident to divorce or annulment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.006(b), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the court finds that the terms of the written agreement in a divorce or an annulment are just and right, those terms are binding on the court. If the court approves the agreement, the court may set forth the agreement in full or incorporate the agreement by reference in the final decree. If the court incorporates the agreement by reference in the final decree, the agreement is not required to be filed with the court or the court clerk.

SECTION 2. Section 7.006(b), Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to an agreement incorporated by reference in a final decree of divorce or annulment regardless of whether the decree is signed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.