**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 2268 amends current law relating to matters referred to an associate judge under the Family Code.

**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 Sections 201.005(a) and (d), Family Code, as follows:

(a) Authorizes a judge of a court, except as provided by Section 201.005 (Cases That May Be Referred), to refer to an associate judge any aspect of a suit or action, including any matter ancillary to the suit or action, over which the court has jurisdiction under:

(1)-(2) creates these subdivisions from existing text;

(3) Chapter 35 (Temporary Authorization for Care of Minor Child), 35A (Temporary Authorization for Inpatient Mental Health Services for Minor Child), or 45 (Change of Name);

(4) creates this subdivision from existing text;

(5) Subchapter A (Protective Order for Victims of Sexual Assault or Abuse, Indecent Assault, Stalking, or Trafficking), Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(6) Chapter 24A (Access to Residence or Former Residence to Retrieve Personal Property), Property Code.

Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(d) Requires that the requirements of certain subsections apply whenever a judge has authority to refer the trial of a suit or action described by Subsection (a), rather than a suit under this title, Title 1, Chapter 45, or Title 4, to an associate judge, master, or other assistant judge regardless of whether the assistant judge is appointed under Subchapter A (Associate Judge).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.