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By:  Dutton H.B. No. 2268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to matters referred to an associate judge under the Family Code.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 201.005(a) and (d), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided by this section, a judge of a court may 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)  this title;

(2)  [~~,~~] Title 1;

(3)  [~~,~~] Chapter 35, 35A, or 45;

(4)  [~~, or~~] Title 4;

(5)  Subchapter A, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(6)  Chapter 24A, Property Code [~~, including any matter ancillary to the suit~~].

(d)  The requirements of Subsections (b) and (c) shall apply whenever a judge has authority to refer the trial of a suit or action described by Subsection (a) [~~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 this subchapter.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a suit or application that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit or application filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit or application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.