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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) [~~7~~] Title 1;

(3) [~~7~~] Chapter 35, 35A, or 45;

(4) [~~7, or~~] Title 4;

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

(6) Chapter 24A, Property Code [~~7, 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.

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

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