A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to an agreed divorce order in a suit for dissolution of a

3 marriage.

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

5   SECTION 1. Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended by adding

6 Subchapter G-1 to read as follows:

7   SUBCHAPTER G-1. AGREED DIVORCE ORDER

8   Sec. 6.631. AGREED DIVORCE ORDER. (a) Notwithstanding any

9 other law, a court with jurisdiction over a suit for dissolution of

10 a marriage may adopt as the court's final decree, without requiring

11 that the parties to the suit testify or appear in person before the

12 court, a written divorce agreement submitted by a party if:

13   (1) the agreement:

14   (A) includes:

15   (i) the signature of each party approving

16 the form and substance of the agreement;

17   (ii) the date of marriage and the date of

18 separation, if applicable;

19   (iii) the grounds for dissolution of the

20 marriage;

21   (iv) a characterization of the parties'

22 assets as separate or community property;

23   (v) a proposed just and right division of

24 the community property of the marriage;

1   (vi) if there is any child born or adopted

2 of the marriage:

3   (a) a written agreed parenting plan in

4 accordance with Section 153.007; and

5   (b) an agreement concerning child

6 support in accordance with Section 154.124; and

7   (vii) provisions for maintenance, if

8 applicable, or a statement that the parties agree that maintenance

9 should not be awarded; and

10   (B) is accompanied by an affidavit or unsworn

11 declaration of one or both parties containing the necessary facts

12 or evidence to support the terms of the agreement, including:

13   (i) a statement that the proposed division

14 of the community property is a just and right division of the

15 community property of the marriage;

16   (ii) if the agreement contains provisions

17 affecting the parent-child relationship:

18   (a) the identity of any child,

19 including the child's name and age; and

20   (b) a statement that the terms of the

21 agreement are in the best interest of each child; and

22   (iii) if the agreement does not contain

23 provisions affecting the parent-child relationship, a statement

24 that there are no children born or adopted of the marriage and none

25 are expected; and

26   (2) neither party has filed a written objection

27 opposing the adoption of the agreement as the final decree.

1   (b) If the court finds that the terms of the agreement are
2 just and right and in the best interest of each child, if
3 applicable, the court shall approve the agreement. If the court
4 approves the agreement, the court may set forth the agreement in
5 full or incorporate the agreement by reference in the final decree.
6   (c) If the court finds that the terms of the agreement are
7 not just and right or in the best interest of each child, if
8 applicable, the court shall continue the case for appropriate
9 proceedings.
10   (d) An agreement adopted by a court under this section is
11 binding on the parties.
12   SECTION 2. Subchapter G-1, Chapter 6, Family Code, as added
13 by this Act, applies to a suit for dissolution of a marriage that is
14 pending in a trial court on the effective date of this Act or that is
15 filed on or after the effective date of this Act.
16   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.