

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1404
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 March 24, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 24, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Johnson	X			
1-11	Creighton	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Middleton	X			

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1404 By: Creighton

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to requirements for certain orders and judgments rendered
1-18 in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 105.006, Family Code, is amended by
1-21 adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (i) and amending Subsection
1-22 (f) to read as follows:

1-23 (c-1) Except as provided by Subsection (c-2), if a court
1-24 renders an order under Subsection (c) prohibiting the disclosure of
1-25 a party's information, the court shall require that the party
1-26 provide to the court, for inclusion in the final order, an e-mail
1-27 address at which the party may receive:

1-28 (1) notice and service of process of subsequent
1-29 motions, petitions, or other legal pleadings using the electronic
1-30 filing system established under Section 72.031, Government Code;
1-31 and

1-32 (2) other legal documents or required notices.

1-33 (c-2) If the court finds that requiring a party to provide
1-34 an e-mail address under Subsection (c-1) is likely to endanger the
1-35 safety of the party, the court may not require the party to provide
1-36 the e-mail address under that subsection.

1-37 (f) Except for an action in which contempt is sought, in any
1-38 subsequent child support modification or enforcement action, the
1-39 court may, on a showing that diligent effort has been made to
1-40 determine the location of a party, consider due process
1-41 requirements for notice and service of process to be met with
1-42 respect to that party on delivery of written notice to the most
1-43 recent residence address, e-mail address, or address of employment
1-44 filed by that party with the court and the state case registry.

1-45 (i) The clerk may send orders, notices, and other documents
1-46 relating to a final order to which this section applies to the
1-47 e-mail address provided by a party under this section using the
1-48 electronic filing system established under Section 72.031,
1-49 Government Code.

1-50 SECTION 2. Section 106.002, Family Code, is amended by
1-51 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-52 (c) In rendering a judgment for attorney's fees or expenses
1-53 under this section, the court shall render the judgment separate
1-54 from any judgment confirming the amount of arrearages under Section
1-55 157.263.

1-56 SECTION 3. Section 157.167, Family Code, is amended by
1-57 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-58 (a-1) In rendering a judgment for attorney's fees and court
1-59 costs under Subsection (a), the court shall render the judgment
1-60 separate from any judgment confirming the amount of arrearages

2-1 under Section 157.263.

2-2 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
2-3 suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is pending in a
2-4 trial court on the effective date of this Act or that is filed on or
2-5 after the effective date of this Act.

2-6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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