

## Chapter 699

H.B. No. 2048

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the  
3 Title IV-D agency.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 201.104(e), Family Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and subject to Section  
8 201.1042(g), an associate judge may hear and render an order on any  
9 matter necessary to be decided in connection with a Title IV-D  
10 service, including:

11 (1) a suit to modify or clarify an existing child  
12 support order;

13 (2) a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke  
14 a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment;

15 (3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions  
16 provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the  
17 respondent's commitment; [~~or~~]

18 (4) a motion for postjudgment relief, including a  
19 motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment,  
20 if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the  
21 referring court;

22 (5) a suit affecting the parent-child relationship;

23 and

24 (6) a suit for modification under Chapter 156.

1 SECTION 2. Section 231.118, Family Code, is amended by  
2 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a return of the process  
4 made under this section in a suit may not include the address served  
5 if:

6 (1) a pleading filed in the suit requests a finding  
7 under Section 105.006(c); or

8 (2) the court has previously made a finding and  
9 ordered nondisclosure under Section 105.006(c) relating to the  
10 parties and the order has not been superseded.

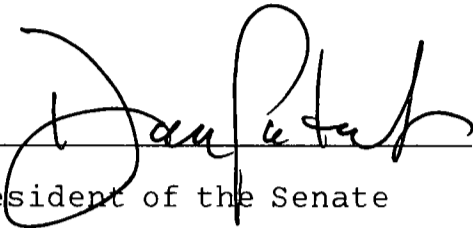
11 SECTION 3. Section 233.024(a), Family Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

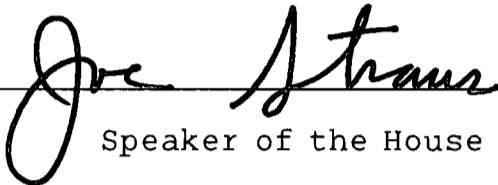
13 (a) On the filing of an agreed child support review order  
14 signed by all parties, together with waiver of service, the court  
15 shall sign the order not later than the third day after the filing  
16 of the order. On expiration of the third day after the filing of the  
17 order, the order is considered confirmed by the court by operation  
18 of law, regardless of whether the court has signed the order. The  
19 court may sign the order before filing the order, but the signed  
20 order shall immediately be filed.

21 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section  
22 201.104, Family Code, applies only to a Title IV-D case referred to  
23 an associate judge under Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Family Code, on  
24 or after the effective date of this Act. A Title IV-D case referred  
25 to an associate judge before the effective date of this Act is  
26 governed by the law in effect on the date the case was referred, and  
27 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

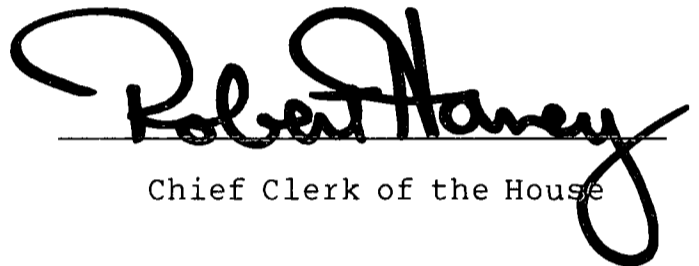
1           (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 231.118,  
2 Family Code, applies to a suit affecting the parent-child  
3 relationship filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
4 suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the  
5 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
6 date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect  
7 for that purpose.

8           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

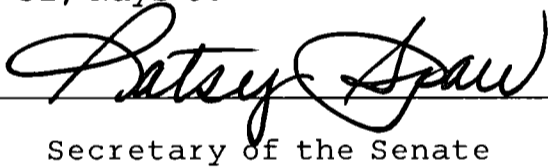
  
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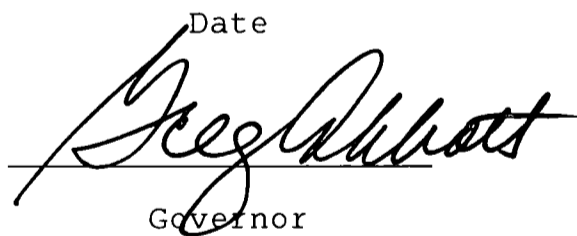
I certify that H.B. No. 2048 was passed by the House on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

  
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Chief Clerk of the House


I certify that H.B. No. 2048 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 10, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2048** by Dutton (Relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the Title IV-D agency.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Family Code to expand the types of cases that an associate judge may hear. The bill would also prohibit the inclusion of the return address of a conservator in certain circumstances. The bill would also provide for the automatic confirmation of an agreed child support order in certain circumstances. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, FR, MW, PBO

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 11, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** HB2048 by Dutton (Relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the Title IV-D agency.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 20, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** HB2048 by Dutton (Relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the Title IV-D agency.), **As Introduced**

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The bill would amend the Family Code to expand the types of cases that an associate judge may hear. The bill would also prohibit the inclusion of the return address of a conservator in certain circumstances. The bill would also provide for the automatic confirmation of an agreed child support order in certain circumstances. The Office of Court Administration has indicated it could implement the provisions of the bill with existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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