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S.B. No. 1202

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an order to conduct mediation following an application for expedited judicial foreclosure proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 51.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.016. MEDIATION FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED FORECLOSURE. (a) Following receipt of an application for an expedited foreclosure proceeding under Rule 736.1, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, a court may, in the court's discretion, conduct hearings or order the parties to mediate the dispute. If the parties are unable to agree on the appointment of a mediator, the court may appoint a mediator.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 22.004, Government Code, the supreme court may not amend or adopt rules in conflict with this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.