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S.B. No. 1202

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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