

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 822  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2015; March 3, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 March 18, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 18, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 822 By: Ellis

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the applicability of certain definitions and certain  
 1-22 laws governing attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, and amicus  
 1-23 attorneys in family law proceedings.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Title 2, Family Code, is amended by adding  
 1-26 Subtitle E to read as follows:

1-27 SUBTITLE E. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-28 CHAPTER 47. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-29 Sec. 47.001. APPLICABILITY OF DEFINITIONS. (a) Except as  
 1-30 provided by Subsection (b), the definitions in Chapter 101 apply to  
 1-31 terms used in this title.

1-32 (b) If a term defined in this title has a meaning different  
 1-33 from the meaning provided by Chapter 101, the meaning provided by  
 1-34 this title prevails.

1-35 Sec. 47.002. APPLICABILITY OF LAWS RELATING TO ATTORNEYS AD  
 1-36 LITEM, GUARDIANS AD LITEM, AND AMICUS ATTORNEYS. Chapter 107  
 1-37 applies to the appointment of an attorney ad litem, guardian ad  
 1-38 litem, or amicus attorney under this title.

1-39 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-40 a proceeding that is commenced on or after the effective date of  
 1-41 this Act. A proceeding that is commenced before that date is  
 1-42 governed by the law as it existed on the date the proceeding was  
 1-43 commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
 1-44 purpose.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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