

1-1 By: Garcia S.B. No. 1929
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 22, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 22, 2015,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Ellis	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Estes	X		
1-14	Fraser	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Schwertner	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1929 By: Ellis

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

1-21 relating to the transfer of jurisdiction and the appointment of an
1-22 attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem in certain suits affecting
1-23 the parent-child relationship.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Sections 155.207(a) and (c), Family Code, are
1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (a) Not later than the 10th working day after ~~On~~ the date
1-28 ~~[signing of]~~ an order of transfer is signed, the clerk of the court
1-29 transferring a proceeding shall send to the proper court in the
1-30 county to which transfer is being made:

1-31 (1) the pleadings in the pending proceeding and any
1-32 other document specifically requested by a party;

1-33 (2) certified copies of all entries in the minutes;

1-34 ~~[and]~~

1-35 (3) a certified copy of each final order; and

1-36 (4) a certified copy of the order of transfer signed by
1-37 the transferring court.

1-38 (c) On receipt of the pleadings, documents, and orders from
1-39 the transferring court, the clerk of the transferee court shall
1-40 docket the suit and shall notify the judge of the transferee court,
1-41 all parties, the clerk of the transferring court, and, if
1-42 appropriate, the transferring court's local registry that the suit
1-43 has been docketed.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 262.203, Family Code, is amended by
1-45 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-46 (d) An order of transfer must include:

1-47 (1) the date of any future hearings in the case that
1-48 have been scheduled by the transferring court;

1-49 (2) any date scheduled by the transferring court for
1-50 the dismissal of the suit under Section 263.401; and

1-51 (3) the name and contact information of each attorney
1-52 ad litem or guardian ad litem appointed in the suit.

1-53 (e) The court to which a suit is transferred may retain an
1-54 attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem appointed by the
1-55 transferring court. If the court finds that the appointment of a
1-56 new attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem is appropriate, the court
1-57 shall appoint that attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem before the
1-58 earlier of:

1-59 (1) the 10th day after the date of receiving the order
1-60 of transfer; or

2-1 (2) the date of the first scheduled hearing after the
2-2 transfer.

2-3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2-4 to an order of transfer rendered in a suit affecting the
2-5 parent-child relationship on or after the effective date of this
2-6 Act. An order of transfer in a suit affecting the parent-child
2-7 relationship rendered before the effective date of this Act is
2-8 governed by the law in effect on the date the order was rendered,
2-9 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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