

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 567
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 2, 2021; March 11, 2021,
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1-4 April 9, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; April 9, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the powers and duties of a domestic relations office.
1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-17 SECTION 1. Section 203.004(a), Family Code, is amended to
1-18 read as follows:
1-19 Sec. 203.004. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) A domestic relations
1-20 office may:
1-21 (1) collect and disburse child support payments that
1-22 are ordered by a court to be paid through a domestic relations
1-23 registry;
1-24 (2) maintain records of payments and disbursements
1-25 made under Subdivision (1);
1-26 (3) file a suit under this title, including a suit to:
1-27 (A) establish paternity; and
1-28 (B) enforce, clarify or modify a court order for
1-29 child support or for possession of and access to a child; ~~and~~
1-30 ~~[(C) modify or clarify an existing child support~~
1-31 ~~order;]~~
1-32 (4) provide an informal forum in which alternative
1-33 dispute resolution is used to resolve disputes under this code;
1-34 (5) prepare a court-ordered child custody evaluation
1-35 or adoption evaluation under Chapter 107;
1-36 (6) represent a child as an amicus attorney, an
1-37 attorney ad litem, or a guardian ad litem in a suit in which:
1-38 (A) termination of the parent-child relationship
1-39 is sought; or
1-40 (B) conservatorship of or access to a child is
1-41 contested;
1-42 (7) serve as a friend of the court;
1-43 (8) provide predivorce counseling ordered by a court;
1-44 (9) provide community supervision services under
1-45 Chapter 157;
1-46 (10) provide information to assist a party in
1-47 understanding, complying with, or enforcing the party's duties and
1-48 obligations under this code ~~[Subdivision (3)]~~;
1-49 (11) provide, directly or through a contract,
1-50 visitation services, including supervision of court-ordered
1-51 visitation, visitation exchange, or other similar services;
1-52 (12) issue an administrative writ of withholding under
1-53 Subchapter F, Chapter 158; and
1-54 (13) provide parenting coordinator services under
1-55 Chapter 153.
1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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