

1-1 By: Orr, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1734
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
1-3 April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 15, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 15, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the transfer of court files in a suit affecting the
1-16 parent-child relationship in which continuing, exclusive
1-17 jurisdiction is transferred.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 155.207(a), Family Code, is amended to
1-20 read as follows:

1-21 (a) Not later than the 10th working day after the date an
1-22 order of transfer is signed, the clerk of the court transferring a
1-23 proceeding shall send, using the electronic filing system
1-24 established under Section 72.031, Government Code, to the proper
1-25 court to which transfer is being made:

1-26 (1) a transfer certificate and index of transferred
1-27 documents;

1-28 (2) a copy of each final order;

1-29 (3) a copy of the order of transfer signed by the
1-30 transferring court;

1-31 (4) a copy of the pleadings in the pending proceeding
1-32 and any other document specifically requested by a party ~~[original~~
1-33 ~~papers filed in the transferring court]~~;

1-34 (5) a copy of the transfer certificate and index of
1-35 transferred documents from each previous transfer; and

1-36 (6) a bill of any costs that have accrued in the
1-37 transferring court.

1-38 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-39 155.207(a), Family Code, applies only to a suit affecting the
1-40 parent-child relationship in which an order transferring
1-41 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to another court is rendered on
1-42 or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
1-43 parent-child relationship in which an order transferring
1-44 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to another court is rendered
1-45 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
1-46 effect on the date the order was rendered, and the former law is
1-47 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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