

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 14, 2016
PLACE: E2.010
CHAIR: Rep. John Smithee

The committee will meet to discuss the following interim charges:

Charge #2: Examine whether family law statutes and those affecting the parent-child relationship provide sufficient guidance to Texas judges as to the appropriate application of foreign law. Consider whether additional statutory provisions regarding application of foreign law could provide useful guidance while preserving judges' ability to consider the circumstances of each case and not needlessly prolonging litigation.

Charge #3: Evaluate recent efforts to make the court system more accessible for self-represented litigants, and make recommendations on how the courts can more effectively interact with unrepresented parties and increase access to legal information, assistance, and representation. Examine similar efforts in other states.

Charge #5: Study the implementation of the expedited action provisions of HB 274 (82R), and examine whether these provisions have been effective in encouraging the prompt and efficient resolution of cases.

There will be an opportunity for public testimony at the conclusion of invited testimony.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

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