BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Family Code provides for the mandatory transfer from one county to another of specific suits affecting a parent-child relationship. H.B. 3786 modifies the Family Code to specify that a court is authorized to transfer a proceeding if a suit to modify or motion to enforce an order is filed in a county while a suit to modify or motion to enforce an order is pending in another county.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3786 sets forth the transfer of certain proceedings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 155.201, Family Code, by adding subsection (c), to authorize the court to transfer the proceeding as provided by Subsection (b) only if the court could have transferred the proceeding at the time the first motion or suit was filed, if a suit to modify a motion to enforce an order is pending at the time subsequent suit to modify or motion to enforce is filed.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.