BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1741

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Jurisprudence

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DIGEST

Currently, a court may remove the disability of minority for a person less than 18 years old. But ambiguity exists concerning whether the Texas Supreme Court may adopt rules or orders for statewide applicability. S.B. 1741 would authorize the Texas Supreme Court to provide rules and orders of statewide applicability concerning rules of disability of a minority for a minor.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1741 authorizes the Texas Supreme Court to provide rules and orders of statewide applicability concerning rules of disability of a minority for a minor.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Supreme Court in SECTION 1 (Section 31.005, Family Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 31.005, Family Code, to authorize the court to remove the disability of minority of a minor if the court finds the removal to be in the best interest of the petitioner, including any restriction imposed by Chapter 32, Family Code, pursuant to rules or orders adopted by the Supreme Court.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.