

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1995
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, a notice to appeal a report by an associate judge must be filed no later than the third day after the date the party receives notice of the associate judge's report in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship. Many practicing attorneys have brought attention to the fact that all three days may fall on days when a courthouse may be inaccessible.

H.B. 1995 increases the number of days a person has from the date a notice of the associate judge's report is received to file an appeal.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 201.015(a), Family Code, to authorize a party to appeal an associate judge's report by filing notice of appeal not later than the seventh working day, rather than the third day, after the date the party receives notice of the substance of the associate judge's report as provided by Section 201.011 (Report).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.