

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Concerns have been raised regarding the foster care placement or adoptive placement of siblings in different homes. Under current law, a foster parent or an adoptive parent of a child does not have legal standing to bring suit to obtain custody of a sibling of a child already in that parent's custody.

As proposed, S.B. 804 authorizes such a parent to bring suit in order to have the siblings placed together in the same home.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 102.005, Family Code, to authorize an adult who had adopted, or is the foster parent of and has petitioned to adopt, a sibling of a child, to file an original suit requesting only an adoption or for termination of the parent-child relationship joined with a petition for adoption.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.