

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Current law does not require a final decree of divorce to include the date of the marriage, which could be relevant when considering the division of assets. H.B. 1013 would address this issue by requiring a divorce decree to contain the date of marriage.

H.B. 1013 amends current law relating to a requirement that a decree of divorce include the date of the marriage.

### **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 Subchapter H, Chapter 6, Family Code, by adding Section 6.712, as follows:

Sec. 6.712. DATE OF MARRIAGE REQUIREMENT IN FINAL DECREE. (a) Requires the court, in a suit for dissolution of a marriage in which the court grants a divorce, to state the date of the marriage in the decree of divorce.

(b) Provides that this section does not apply to a suit for dissolution of a marriage described by Section 2.401(a)(2) (relating to certain proof of an informal marriage).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.