

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current law prohibits a court from conducting a hearing or rendering a final order in a suit for termination of the parent-child relationship until the child is at least five days old if the petition for termination is filed before the birth of the child. H.B. 997 repeals that provision.

### **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. Repealer: Section 161.201 (No Final Order Until Child Five Days Old), Family Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.