

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, in a suit in which adoption is requested, excluding ones in which the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is a party, the court is required to appoint a private agency or another person to conduct a social study. The offices of domestic relations regularly conducts these studies. As proposed, S.B. 619 clarifies the authority of the offices of domestic relations to conduct the social studies.

### **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 107.051(c), Family Code, to require a court, in a suit in which adoption is requested or possession of or access to the child is an issue and in which the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is not a party, to appoint a private agency or another person, including a domestic relations office, to conduct the social study.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.