

**SUBJECT:** Requiring certain findings in support of a receiver's appointment

**COMMITTEE:** Juvenile Justice and Family Issues — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 4 ayes — Dutton, Biedermann, Cain, Schofield

1 nay — Dale

2 absent — Moody, Thierry

**WITNESSES:** None

**BACKGROUND:** Family Code, 6.502(a)(5) allows a court to appoint a receiver in a divorce case to preserve and protect disputed property.

Some observers have suggested that transparency could be lacking in some receivership appointments in divorce proceedings.

**DIGEST:** HB 2703 would require that a court issue written findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of appointing a receiver in divorce cases within seven days of such an appointment.

In cases where the court waived the issuance of a bond between the spouses in connection with the receiver's appointment, the bill would require the court to include an explanation of the reasons why it dispensed with the bond issuance.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.