

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides that there is a two-year limitation for the appeal of adoption cases, whereas the limitation for other civil cases is six months. Thus, blood relatives of an adopted child have up to two-years to petition to overturn the adoption. S.B. 52 narrows the period in which an adoption may be contested from two years to six months.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 52, provides that the validity of an adoption order is not subject to attack after six months after the date the order is rendered.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 162.012(a) Family Code, to provide that the validity of an adoption order is not subject to attack after six months after the date the order was rendered, rather than after the second anniversary of, the date the order was rendered.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.