

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 884  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Although current law requires parties wishing to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to settle a dispute outside the courtroom to sign a statement agreeing to use ADR, most courts do not require ADR as a matter of course. H.B. 884 removes the unnecessary requirement of a statement regarding ADR in the content of the pleading, and simplifies the filing of a suit for dissolution of marriage or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

### **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 6.404 (Statement on Alternate Dispute Resolution) and Section 102.0085 (Statement on Alternative Dispute Resolution), Family Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003. Provides that this Act applies to a suit for dissolution of a marriage or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before, on, or after September 1, 2003.