

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 24  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

C.S.S.B. 24 amends current law relating to the waiting period for issuing a decree in certain suits for divorce.

### **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 6.702, Family Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(a) Creates an exception under Subsection (c).

(c) Provides that a waiting period is not required under Subsection (a) before a court is authorized to grant a divorce in a suit in which the court finds that the respondent has been finally convicted of or received deferred adjudication for an offense involving family violence as defined by Section 71.004 (Family Violence) against the petitioner or a member of the petitioner's household; or the petitioner has obtained a protective order under Title 4 (Protective Orders and Family Violence) or a magistrate's order for emergency protection under Article 17.292 (Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection), Code of Criminal Procedure, against the respondent because of family violence committed during the marriage.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.