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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to juries in Suits Affecting the Parent-Child
3 Relationship.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY, THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subsection 105.002(c), Family Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) In a jury trial:

8 (1) a party is entitled to a verdict by the jury and the
9 court may not contravene a jury verdict on the issues of:

10 (A) the appointment of a sole managing conservator;

11 (B) the appointment of joint managing conservators;

12 (C) the appointment of a possessory conservator;

13 (D) the determination of which joint managing conservator has
14 the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the
15 child;

16 (E) the determination of whether to impose a restriction on
17 the geographic area in which a sole managing conservator or a joint
18 managing conservator may designate the child's primary residence;
19 and

20 (F) if a restriction described by Paragraph (E) is imposed,

1 the determination of the geographic area within which the sole
2 managing conservator or a joint managing conservator must designate
3 the child's primary residence; and

4 (2) the court may not submit to the jury questions on the
5 issues of:

6 (A) support under Chapter [154](#) or Chapter [159](#);

7 (B) a specific term or condition of possession of or access
8 to the child; or

9 (C) any right or duty of a conservator, other than the
10 determination [~~of which joint managing conservator has the~~
11 ~~exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child~~]
12 under Subdivision (1) (D), (E), and (F).

13 SECTION 2. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply
14 only to a suit that is filed on or after the effective date of this
15 Act. A suit filed before the effective date of this Act is
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the application is filed,
17 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.