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Nancy Landry HB No. 840

Abstract: Requires a court to transfer all divorce proceedings and incidental matters when a custody or support proceeding incidental to the divorce has been transferred under forum non conveniens, provided venue would have been proper under the venue provisions for divorce.

<u>Present law</u> provides for venue in custody and support proceedings and authorizes a transfer in the discretion of the court for the convenience of the parties and witnesses and in the interest of justice.

<u>Present law</u> provides for venue for divorce and actions for annulment.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires a transferring court to transfer all divorce proceedings and incidental matters related to the custody and support proceedings, provided the venue would have been proper under <u>present law</u>.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 74.2(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Added requirement that venue to which divorce is transferred in conjunction with a custody or support proceeding has to be proper venue under C.C.P. Art. 3941.