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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the promulgation of certain forms for use in probate
3 matters.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 22.020 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22.020. PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN PROBATE FORMS.

8 (a) In this section:

13 (b) The supreme court shall, as the court considers
14 appropriate, promulgate:

21 (2) a simple will form for:

22 (A) a married individual with an adult child;

23 (B) a married individual with a minor child;

24 (C) a married individual with no children;

3 and

7 (c) The forms and instructions:

14 (d) The Spanish language translation of a form must:

15 (1) state:

16 (A) that the Spanish language translated form is
17 to be used solely for the purpose of assisting in understanding the
18 form and may not be submitted to the probate court: and

24 (e) Each form and its instructions must clearly and
25 conspicuously state that the form is not a substitute for the advice
26 of an attorney.

27 (f) The clerk of a probate court shall inform members of the

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1 general public of the availability of a form promulgated by the
2 supreme court under this section as appropriate and make the form
3 available free of charge.

4 (g) A probate court shall accept a form promulgated by the
5 supreme court under this section unless the form has been completed
6 in a manner that causes a substantive defect that cannot be cured.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.