

HOUSE BILL 1598  
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to divorce or annulment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no bill or petition for divorce, divorce from bed and board, separate maintenance or annulment shall be heard until such bill or petition has been on file for a period of six (6) months from the date of filing if:

(1) The parties have an unmarried child or children under eighteen (18) years of age; or

(2) Either party has an unmarried child or children under eighteen (18) years of age and such child or children reside in the same home as the parties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any bill or petition for divorce, divorce from bed and board, separate maintenance or annulment filed on or after such date.

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