
SENATE BILL No. 17

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-15-2-13.

Synopsis: Summary dissolution decree. Provides that at least 15 days after a petition for dissolution of marriage is filed, a court may enter a summary dissolution decree without holding a hearing if certain verified pleadings are filed with the court.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-15-2-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 13. **(a)** At least sixty
 3 (60) days after a petition is filed in an action for dissolution of marriage
 4 under section 2 of this chapter, the court may enter a summary
 5 dissolution decree without holding a final hearing under this chapter if
 6 there have been filed with the court verified pleadings, signed by both
 7 parties, containing:
 8 (1) a written waiver of final hearing; and
 9 (2) either:
 10 (A) a statement that there are no contested issues in the action;
 11 or
 12 (B) a written agreement made in accordance with section 17
 13 of this chapter that settles any contested issues between the
 14 parties.
 15 **(b) At least fifteen (15) days after a petition is filed in an action**
 16 **for a dissolution of marriage under section 2 of this chapter, a**
 17 **court may enter a summary dissolution decree without holding a**



1 **hearing under this chapter if:**
2 **(1) the verified pleadings, signed by both parties, required**
3 **under subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) have been filed with the**
4 **court; and**
5 **(2) a verified pleading that:**
6 **(A) is signed by one (1) or both of the parties; and**
7 **(B) contains a statement that certain factual circumstances**
8 **exist that make reconciliation impossible;**
9 **has been filed with the court.**

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