

SENATE BILL 719

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103, relative to domestic relations jurisdiction.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding this section, nothing in subdivision (a)(1) shall be construed to preclude a court from exercising domestic relations jurisdiction pursuant to title 36, regardless of the nature of the allegations, unless and until a pleading is filed or relief is otherwise sought in a juvenile court invoking its exclusive original jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to any case pending or filed on or after the effective date of this act. Any domestic relations order which has been entered by a court exercising domestic relations jurisdiction and which is not the subject of or eligible for appeal on the effective date of this act, shall be valid and is hereby declared to be in full compliance with the laws of this state.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.