

CHAPTER 452

H.B. No. 201

AN ACT

relating to the liability of volunteer advocates.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 11.101, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

*(c) A person is not liable in civil damages for recommendations made or opinions rendered while serving or having served as a court-appointed volunteer or member of an administrative review board under this section unless the act or failure to act is wilfully wrongful or is grossly negligent.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies to a cause of action that accrues on or after that date. An action that accrued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the action accrued, and that law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 2, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.