

Bill No. CS for SB 346

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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 49, line 26, through
page 50, line 16, delete those lines

and insert:

(b) If a petition for termination of parental rights has been filed and a parent whose rights are to be terminated objects to venue, there must be a hearing in which the court shall determine whether that parent intends to assert legally recognized grounds to contest a termination of parental rights and, if so, immediately transfer venue to the county where that parent resides, if there is such a county, or, if not, a county where:

1. At least one parent whose rights are to be terminated resides;

2. At least one parent resided at the time of execution of a consent or affidavit of nonpaternity; or

3. The adoption entity is located in neither subparagraph 1. nor subparagraph 2.

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The court shall consider for purposes of selecting venue the ease of access to the court of the parent who intends to contest a termination of parental rights.

(c) If there is a transfer of venue, the adoption entity or the petitioner shall bear the cost of venue transfer.