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By Senator Siplin

19-207-06 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to paternity testing; amending s. 742.12, F.S.; providing that a court may 3 order the parties to submit to scientific 4 5 testing in any proceeding in which the б established paternity of a child is challenged; 7 providing that a court may order the parties to submit to scientific testing in such a 8 proceeding without limitation of time; 9 10 providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 742.12, 14 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (8) is added to 15 16 that section, to read: 17 742.12 Scientific testing to determine paternity.--18 (1) In any proceeding to establish paternity or in any proceeding in which the established paternity of a child is 19 20 challenged, the court on its own motion may require the child, mother, and alleged fathers to submit to scientific tests that 21 22 are generally acceptable within the scientific community to 23 show a probability of paternity. The court shall direct that the tests be conducted by a qualified technical laboratory. 24 (2) In any proceeding to establish paternity or in any 25 proceeding in which the established paternity of a child is 26 27 challenged, the court may, upon request of a party providing a 2.8 sworn statement or written declaration as provided by s. 92.525(2) alleging paternity and setting forth facts 29 establishing a reasonable possibility of the requisite sexual 30 contact between the parties or providing a sworn statement or 31

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1 written declaration denying paternity and setting forth facts 2 establishing a reasonable possibility of the nonexistence of sexual contact between the parties, require the child, mother, 3 4 and alleged fathers to submit to scientific tests that are 5 generally acceptable within the scientific community to show a б probability of paternity. The court shall direct that the 7 tests be conducted by a qualified technical laboratory. 8 (8) The court may order the parties to submit to 9 scientific testing in any proceeding in which the established 10 paternity of a child is challenged without limitation of time. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 11 12 13 SENATE SUMMARY 14 15 Provides that a court may order the parties to submit to scientific testing in any proceeding in which the established paternity of a child is being challenged. 16 Provides that a court may order the parties to submit to 17 scientific testing in such a proceeding without limitation of time. 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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