

1st Sub. H.B. 128
DIVORCE ORIENTATION

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 2

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Representative **Lorie D. Fowlke** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 14:*

12 This bill:

13 ▶ creates an optional temporary separation order as an intermediate step before filing
14 for divorce;

▶ makes an exception for couples with no minor children;

2. *Page 2, Lines 45 through 51:*

45 (b) the case is dismissed.

(3) If a petition for divorce is filed and consolidated with the petition for temporary separation, orders entered in the temporary separation shall continue in the consolidated case.

46 {~~(3)~~} (4) Both parties shall attend the divorce orientation course described in Section
47 30-3-11.4 within 60 days of the filing of the petition, for petitioner, and within 45 days of being
48 served, for respondent.

49 {~~(4)~~} (5) Service shall be made upon respondent, together with a 20-day summons, in
50 accordance with the rules of civil procedure.

51 {~~(5)~~} (6) The fee for filing the petition for temporary separation orders shall be \$25. If either

3. *Page 3, Lines 57 through 58:*

57 (1) There is established a mandatory divorce orientation course for all parties with minor children
58 who file

a petition for temporary separation or for a divorce. A couple with no minor children are not required, but may choose to attend the course. The purpose of the course shall be to