

H.B. 290

DIVORCE ORIENTATION CLASS

Representative **Rebecca Chavez-Houck** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 16:*

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires a prospective petitioner for divorce to complete the mandatory divorce
14 orientation course before filing a petition for divorce;

▶ provides an exception for a victim of domestic violence;

15 ▶ requires the respondent to complete the mandatory divorce orientation course within
16 30 days of receipt of a petition for divorce;

2. *Page 2, Lines 40 through 41:*

40 (2) A prospective petitioner shall [~~attend~~] complete a divorce orientation course [~~no~~
41 ~~more than 60 days after~~] before filing a petition for divorce.

(3) The prefiling completion requirement shall be waived for a victim of domestic violence who provides:

(a) a valid protective order or its equivalent from any jurisdiction;

(b) a police report that indicates domestic violence has occurred against the respondent by a spouse; or

(c) a letter from a domestic violence shelter stating that the petitioner is fleeing domestic violence.

(4) A petitioner who files for divorce under Subsection (3) shall be required to complete the course within 30 days after filing for divorce.

Renumber the remaining subsections accordingly