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AN ACT relating to divorce; providing that the parents, guardians, siblings and witnesses of parties to an action for divorce must not be excluded from observing the proceedings under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law allows a court in any action for a divorce to exclude certain persons from the proceedings upon demand of either party. (NRS 125.080) This bill provides that the parents, guardians, siblings and witnesses of the parties must not be excluded from observing the proceedings unless good cause is shown.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 125.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

125.080 **1.** In any action for divorce , the court shall, upon demand of either party, direct that the trial and issue or issues of fact joined therein be private . ~~[, and upon such direction]~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, upon such demand of either party, all persons ~~[shall]~~ **must** be excluded from the court or chambers wherein the action is tried, except ~~[the officers of the court, the parties, and their witnesses and counsel.]~~ :

- (a) The officers of the court;**
- (b) The parties;**
- (c) The counsel for the parties;**
- (d) The witnesses for the parties;**
- (e) The parents or guardians of the parties; and**
- (f) The siblings of the parties.**

3. The court may, upon oral or written motion of either party, order a hearing to determine whether to exclude the parents, guardians or siblings of either party, or witnesses for either party, from the court or chambers wherein the action is tried. If good cause is shown for the exclusion of any such person, the court shall exclude any such person from the court or chambers wherein the action is tried.

