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S.B. No. 1602

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to venue and choice of law for certain actions involving
3 censorship by social media platforms.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 143A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 143A.0035 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 143A.0035. VENUE AND CHOICE OF LAW. Notwithstanding
8 any other law, any contract, or any venue, forum selection, or
9 choice-of-law provision in a contract, an action brought under this
10 chapter against a social media platform shall be brought and
11 maintained in a court in this state, and the law of this state
12 applies to the action.

13 SECTION 2. Section 143A.0035, Civil Practice and Remedies
14 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an action filed on or
15 after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.