

AN ACT

relating to venue and choice of law for certain actions involving
censorship by social media platforms.

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

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

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

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

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

S.B. No. 1602

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1602 passed the Senate on March 29, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1602 passed the House on May 16, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 86, Nays 55, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor