

By: Hughes, et al. S.B. No. 1602  
(Cain, Vasut, Schofield, Smith, Thompson of Brazoria, et al.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.