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S.B. No. 311

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the writ power of the Texas Supreme Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.002(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The supreme court or a justice of the supreme court may issue writs of procedendo and certiorari and all writs of quo warranto and mandamus agreeable to the principles of law regulating those writs, [~~against a statutory county court judge, a statutory probate court judge, a district judge, a court of appeals or a justice of a court of appeals, or any officer of state government~~] except the supreme court or justice may not issue a writ against the governor [~~, the court of criminal appeals, or a judge of the court of criminal appeals~~].

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 22.002(a), Government Code, apply only to an application for a writ of procedendo, certiorari, quo warranto, or mandamus filed in the Texas Supreme Court on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a writ of procedendo, certiorari, quo warranto, or mandamus filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.