

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of rules by the supreme court relating to the county in which district court proceedings may be conducted.

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

SECTION 1. Section 74.024(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The supreme court may consider the adoption of rules relating to:

(1) nonbinding time standards for pleading, discovery, motions, and dispositions;

(2) nonbinding dismissal of inactive cases from dockets, if the dismissal is warranted;

(3) attorney's accountability for and incentives to avoid delay and to meet time standards;

(4) penalties for filing frivolous motions;

(5) firm trial dates;

(6) restrictive devices on discovery;

(7) a uniform dockets policy;

(8) formalization of settlement conferences or settlement programs; ~~and~~

(9) standards for selection and management of nonjudicial personnel; and

(10) the conducting of proceedings under Rule 11, Rules of Judicial Administration, by a district court outside the

1 county in which the case is pending.

2 SECTION 2. Section 74.024(c), Government Code, as amended  
3 by this Act, applies only to a suit filed on or after September 1,  
4 2003. A suit filed before September 1, 2003, is governed by the law  
5 in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is  
6 continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

H.B. No. 3386

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3386 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3386 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor