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H.B. No. 3386

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 in a case by a district court outside the county in which the case is pending.

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

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