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S.B. No. 1811

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to service of process and to the ability to sue and be sued  
of a sports and community venue district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 335, Local Government  
Code, is amended by adding Section 335.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 335.005. SUITS; SERVICE OF PROCESS. A district,  
through its board, may sue and be sued in any court of this state in  
the name of the district. Service of process on a district may be  
had by serving either the current chairman of the board or the  
current chief executive officer of the district or its registered  
agent designated by the district by filing a statement with the  
office of the secretary of state setting forth: (i) the name of  
the district, and (ii) the name and address of the district's  
registered agent, which address must be in the State of Texas. The  
statement shall be executed on behalf of the district by an officer  
of the district. A district may change the name and address of its  
registered agent by filing another statement with the office of the  
secretary of state. Upon such filing, the prior registered agent  
for the district shall cease to be the registered agent for the  
district and service of process may not be had by serving the prior  
registered agent.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.