

Amend CSHB 1602 as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 21, strike "In this section, "inland"" and substitute the following:

In this section:

(1) "Coastal county" means:

(A) a county in a coastal area, as defined by Section 33.004, Natural Resources Code; or

(B) a county having a United States Customs port through which waterborne freight is transported.

(2) "Inland

(2) On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

(3) "Principal Texas Port Center" means:

(A) a county in this state with a population of more than three million that is adjoined by a coastal county; or

(B) a coastal county adjoining a county described by Subparagraph (A) with a population of more than 225,000.

(3) On page 2, strike lines 23 through 27 and substitute the following:

(1) in a Principal Texas Port Center where the plaintiff resided at the time the cause of action accrued;

(2) if the plaintiff did not reside in a Principal Texas Port Center at the time the cause of action accrued, in any Principal Texas Port Center;

(3) in the county where the defendant's principal office in this state is located if the defendant's principal office in this state is located in a coastal county; or

(4) if the defendant does not have a principal office in this state located in a coastal county, in the county where the plaintiff resided at the time the cause of action accrued.