

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3063
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Civil Practices
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas citizens who lose a lawsuit in another country must have the foreign judgment filed in the debtor's county of residence; however Texas citizens who are sued in another state can have the foreign judgment filed in any Texas county. House Bill 3063 makes the sections of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code on foreign judgments from other states and other countries equally restrictive so that there is no additional burden to Texas defendants.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

The bill amends Section 35.003(a) of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code to make the filing of foreign or out of state judgments in a Texas county consistent with one another.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.