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H.B. No. 3063

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of a foreign judgment in a Texas court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35.003(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A copy of a foreign judgment authenticated in accordance with an act of congress or a statute of this state may be filed in the office of the clerk of a [any] court in the county of residence of the party against whom recognition is sought or in any other court of competent jurisdiction as allowed under the Texas venue laws [of this state].

SECTION 2. Section 35.003(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a foreign judgment filed in this state on or after the effective date of this Act. A judgment filed in this state before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the change in law made by this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.