

1-1 By: Pena (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3063
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2007;
1-3 May 1, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 17, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 17, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the filing of a foreign judgment in a Texas court.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 35.003(a), Civil Practice and Remedies
1-11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) A copy of a foreign judgment authenticated in accordance
1-13 with an act of congress or a statute of this state may be filed in
1-14 the office of the clerk of a [any] court in the county of residence
1-15 of the party against whom recognition is sought or in any other
1-16 court of competent jurisdiction as allowed under the Texas venue
1-17 laws [of this state].

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 35.003(a), Civil Practice and Remedies
1-19 Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a foreign judgment
1-20 filed in this state on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-21 judgment filed in this state before the effective date of this Act
1-22 is governed by the law in effect immediately before the change in
1-23 law made by this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
1-24 purpose.

1-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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