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H.B. No. 3267

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to venue for civil actions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.002(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter or Subchapter B or C, all lawsuits shall be brought:

(1) in the county in which all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred;

(2) in the county of defendant's residence at the time the cause of action accrued if defendant is a natural person;

(3) in the county of the defendant's principal office in this state, if the defendant is not a natural person; or

(4) ~~[if Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) do not apply,]~~ in the county in which the plaintiff resided at the time of the accrual of the cause of action.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. An action that is commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the cause of action accrued, 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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.