

AN ACT

relating to the location of an arbitration trial.

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

SECTION 1. Section 151.010, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 151.010. RESTRICTIONS. Unless otherwise ordered by the referring judge, a [A] trial under this chapter may not be held in a public courtroom, and a public employee may not be involved in the trial during regular working hours.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a trial commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A trial commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2435 was passed by the House on May 4, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2435 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor