

1-1 By: Phillips (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2435  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2009;  
1-3 May 6, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 23, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the location of an arbitration trial.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 151.010, Civil Practice and Remedies  
1-11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 151.010. RESTRICTIONS. Unless otherwise ordered by  
1-13 the referring judge, a [A] trial under this chapter may not be held  
1-14 in a public courtroom, and a public employee may not be involved in  
1-15 the trial during regular working hours.

1-16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-17 to a trial commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
1-18 trial commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
1-19 the law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is  
1-20 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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