

1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 1650
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1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to appeals in cases arising under the Federal Arbitration
1-9 Act.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 51, Civil Practice and
1-12 Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 51.016 to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 Sec. 51.016. APPEAL ARISING UNDER FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT.
1-15 In a matter subject to the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. Section
1-16 1 et seq.), a person may take an appeal or writ of error to the court
1-17 of appeals from the judgment or interlocutory order of a district
1-18 court, county court at law, or county court under the same
1-19 circumstances that an appeal from a federal district court's order
1-20 or decision would be permitted by 9 U.S.C. Section 16.

1-21 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by this section, the
1-22 change in law made by this Act applies to an action filed on or after
1-23 the effective date of this Act or pending on the effective date of
1-24 this Act.

1-25 (b) The change in law made by this Act does not apply to the
1-26 appeal of an interlocutory order in an action pending on the
1-27 effective date of this Act if the appeal of the order is initiated
1-28 before the effective date of this Act.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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