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S.B. No. 230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the venue for the filing of certain applications by a pregnant minor with respect to an abortion.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.003(b), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the minor resides in a county with a population of less than 50,000, the ~~[The]~~ application may be filed in any county court at law, court having probate jurisdiction, or district court, including a family district court, in this state. If the minor resides in a county with a population of 50,000 or more, the application must be filed in a county court at law, court having probate jurisdiction, or district court, including a family district court, in the county in which the minor resides.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an application filed under Section 33.003, Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed 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, 2011.