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H.B. No. 241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to substituted service of citation through a social media
3 presence.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 17, Civil Practice and
6 Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 17.032 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 17.032. SUBSTITUTED SERVICE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA
9 PRESENCE. (a) If substituted service of citation is authorized
10 under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the court, in accordance
11 with the rules adopted by the supreme court under Subsection (b),
12 may prescribe as a method of service an electronic communication
13 sent to the defendant through a social media presence.

14 (b) The supreme court shall adopt rules to provide for the
15 substituted service of citation by an electronic communication sent
16 to a defendant through a social media presence.

17 SECTION 2. The Supreme Court of Texas shall adopt rules
18 under Section 17.032, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by
19 this Act, not later than December 31, 2015.

20 SECTION 3. Section 17.032, Civil Practice and Remedies
21 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an action commenced on
22 or after the effective date of the rules adopted by the Supreme
23 Court of Texas under that section.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.