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S.B. No. 1534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to venue in a lawsuit against the State of Texas or a state agency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 15, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 15.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 15.021. SUIT AGAINST STATE. Notwithstanding any other statute, including Section 15.016, a lawsuit against the state or a state agency may be brought in:

(1) a county in which the court of appeals is held for a court of appeals district that includes the county in which the plaintiff:

(A) resided at the time of the accrual of the cause of action; or

(B) resides at the time the suit is brought; or

(2) Travis County.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.