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By:  Johnson of Dallas H.B. No. 2709

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the county in which an application for court-ordered mental health services must be filed.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 574.001(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (f), the application must be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the proposed patient:

(1)  resides;

(2)  is found; [~~or~~]

(3)  is being assessed in an emergency room or hospital; or

(4)  is receiving mental health services by court order or under Subchapter A, Chapter 573.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.