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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a motion for the assignment of a statutory probate court judge to hear a contested matter in a probate proceeding in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 32.003, Estates Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  A party to a probate proceeding may not file a motion for the assignment of a statutory probate court judge to hear a contested matter in the proceeding before the 10th day after the date a party has notified the judge of the county court of the contested matter.

SECTION 2.  Section 32.003(c), Estates Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3.  Section 32.003, Estates Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an action filed or other proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. An action filed or other proceeding commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was filed or the proceeding was commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.