By: Johnson of Dallas

H.B. No. 186

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- $2\,$  relating to the county in which an application for court-ordered
- 3 mental health services must be filed.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 574.001(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (f), the application
- 8 must be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the
- 9 proposed patient:
- 10 (1) resides;
- 11 (2) is found; [<del>or</del>]
- 12 (3) <u>is being assessed in an emergency room or</u>
- 13 hospital; or
- 14  $\underline{(4)}$  is receiving mental health services by court order
- 15 or under Subchapter A, Chapter 573.
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.