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S.B. No. 1331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a motion for the assignment of a statutory probate court
3 judge to hear a contested matter in a probate proceeding in certain
4 counties.

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

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

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

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 Section 32.003(c), Estates Code, is repealed.

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

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