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H.B. No. 3163

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 located at the time the application is filed ~~[is  
found]~~; ~~[or]~~

(3) was apprehended under Chapter 573; or

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

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
574.001, Health and Safety Code, applies only to an application for  
court-ordered mental health services submitted on or after the  
effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.