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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the application processing time for admission to  
3 practice law in this state without examination for an attorney  
4 licensed to practice law in another state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 82.036, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8                   Sec. 82.036. FOREIGN ATTORNEYS. (a) Subject to Subsection  
9 (b), the [The] supreme court shall make such rules and regulations  
10 as to admitting attorneys from other jurisdictions to practice law  
11 in this state as it shall deem proper and just. All such attorneys  
12 shall be required to furnish satisfactory proof as to good moral  
13 character.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
20 to an application for admission to practice law in this state  
21 without examination filed with the Board of Law Examiners on or  
22 after the effective date of this Act. An application for admission  
23 to practice law in this state without examination filed before the  
24 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect the date

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1 the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect  
2 for that purpose.

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