

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 1602
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 22, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
 1-5 Nays 1; March 22, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to venue and choice of law for certain actions involving
 1-22 censorship by social media platforms.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 143A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code,
 1-25 is amended by adding Section 143A.0035 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 143A.0035. VENUE AND CHOICE OF LAW. Notwithstanding
 1-27 any other law, any contract, or any venue, forum selection, or
 1-28 choice-of-law provision in a contract, an action brought under this
 1-29 chapter against a social media platform shall be brought and
 1-30 maintained in a court in this state, and the law of this state
 1-31 applies to the action.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 143A.0035, Civil Practice and Remedies
 1-33 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an action filed on or
 1-34 after the effective date of this Act.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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