

AN ACT

relating to the decision of a court of appeals not to accept certain interlocutory appeals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.014, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

(g) If a court of appeals does not accept an appeal under Subsection (f), the court shall state in its decision the specific reason for finding that the appeal is not warranted under Subsection (d).

(h) The supreme court may review a decision by a court of appeals not to accept an appeal under Subsection (f) de novo. If the supreme court concludes that the requirements to permit an appeal under Subsection (d) are satisfied, the court may direct the court of appeals to accept the appeal.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for interlocutory appeal filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1603 passed the Senate on April 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 11, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1603 passed the House, with amendment, on May 4, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor