

CHAPTER 954

S.B. No. 198

AN ACT

relating to service of civil process on the secretary of state.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 17, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 17.026 to read as follows:

*Sec. 17.026. SERVICE ON SECRETARY OF STATE. (a) In an action in which citation may be served on the secretary of state, service may be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the clerk of the court in which the case is pending or by the party or the representative of the party.*

*(b) The method of service of citation provided by this section is in addition to any other method authorized by statute or the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure for service on the secretary of state.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to a service of civil process made on or after that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 1987, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.