

1 transaction or occurrence at the same location, and such classes, if certified, would
 2 encompass one or more of the same plaintiffs suing in the same capacities against
 3 one or more of the same defendants in the same capacities, the defendant may, by
 4 excepting as provided in Article 925, have all such actions transferred to the district
 5 court where the transaction or occurrence occurred.

6 B. When two or more actions requesting the certification of a class pursuant
 7 to Article 591 are filed in two or more Louisiana courts regarding multiple related
 8 transactions or occurrences in different locations and such classes, if certified, would
 9 encompass one or more of the same plaintiffs suing in the same capacities against
 10 one or more of the same defendants in the same capacities, the defendant may, by
 11 excepting as provided in Article 925, have all such actions transferred to the district
 12 court where the first suit was brought.

13 Art. 593.2. Class actions; forum non conveniens

14 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 123, within thirty days of the
 15 certification of a class under Article 591 by a different Louisiana court regarding the
 16 same transaction or occurrence and encompassing one or more of the same plaintiffs
 17 suing in the same capacities against one or more of the same defendants in the same
 18 capacities, any court where a related putative class action is pending may, upon
 19 contradictory motion, in the interests of justice and for good cause shown, transfer
 20 the putative class action to the district where the related action has been certified.

21 Section 2. Civil Code Article 38 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

22 Art. 38. Domicile

23 The domicile of a natural person is the place of his habitual residence. The
 24 domicile of a juridical person may be either the state of its formation or the state of
 25 its principal place of business, whichever is most pertinent to the particular issue,
 26 unless otherwise specifically provided by law.

1 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be given prospective application only and
2 shall not affect any action pending prior to the effective date of this Act.

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