

**Edwards (HB 192)****Act No. 78**

Existing law provides for exceptions to the general rules of venue.

New law retains existing law and adds actions involving voting trusts and actions involving applications for wrongful conviction and imprisonment as exceptions to the general rules of venue.

Existing law provides for application of rules to determine proper venue when two or more C.C.P. articles conflict.

New law adds articles addressing proper venue in actions involving certain retirement systems and employee benefit programs, actions involving voting trusts, and actions involving application for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment to the list of articles providing exclusive venue and the rules for application when two or more articles conflict.

Existing law provides for confirmation of default judgments.

New law requires the proof supporting confirmation of a default judgment to be placed into the court record prior to judgment. Provides that the court may permit documentary evidence to be filed in an electronic format authorized by the local rules or the clerk of the district court.

Existing law provides for amendments to judgments to correct phraseology or errors of calculation.

New law retains existing law and requires a hearing before amending a final judgment, unless the parties consent or no opposition is filed after notice of the proposed amendment.

Existing law requires the court to render a decision on a motion for new trial within 10 days of the submission of the motion. Allows the time to be extended if the parties agree.

New law retains existing law and requires the court to specify its reasons for granting a motion for a new trial.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends C.C.P. Arts. 43, 45, 1702(A), 1951, and 1979)