

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/SB 186 — Jurisdiction of the Courts

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

CS/SB 186 addresses personal jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

The bill amends the Florida International Commercial Arbitration Act to correct cross-references within the act to conform exactly to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law's Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.

The bill extends personal jurisdiction to parties who initiate arbitration or enter into written contracts that provide for arbitration in this state for any action that arises out of arbitration or a resulting award.

The bill clarifies that full faith and credit is afforded to a judgment, decree, or order of a state court from any territory or commonwealth of the United States, as well as any other state.

A penalty or fine imposed by an agency of another state will not be enforceable against a person or entity incorporated or having its principal place of business in this state if the other state does not provide a mandatory right of review of such agency decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0