

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to application of Shari'a and other
3 foreign law; creating s. 45.085, F.S.; providing a
4 short title; providing legislative findings; defining
5 the term "foreign law, legal code, or system";
6 providing that certain rulings, decisions, or
7 contractual provisions are void and unenforceable if
8 such rulings, decisions, or contractual provisions
9 allow the application of Shari'a or certain foreign
10 laws, legal codes, or systems; providing construction;
11 amending s. 47.122, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of
12 certain civil actions to another court; providing an
13 effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 **Section 1. Section 45.085, Florida Statutes, is created to**
18 **read:**

19 45.085 Application of Shari'a and other foreign law.—

20 (1) This act may be cited as the "No Shari'a Act."

21 (2) The Legislature recognizes the right to freely
22 contract under state law but finds that such right must be
23 circumscribed when the application of foreign law would violate
24 the fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed by
25 the United States Constitution and the State Constitution,

26 including, but not limited to, equal protection, due process of
27 law, free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and the press,
28 the right of privacy, and the right of marriage.

29 (3) As used in this act, the term "foreign law, legal
30 code, or system" means any law, legal code, or system of a
31 jurisdiction outside of any state or territory of the United
32 States, including international organizations and tribunals.

33 (4) (a) A ruling or decision of a state court, arbitration
34 panel, tribunal, or administrative agency which is based, in
35 whole or in part, on Shari'a or any foreign law, legal code, or
36 system;

37 (b) A contract, or contractual provision if severable,
38 which provides for the choice of Shari'a or any foreign law,
39 legal code, or system; or

40 (c) A contract, or contractual provision if severable,
41 which grants jurisdiction to a foreign tribunal

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43 is void and unenforceable if such ruling, decision, or provision
44 allows the application of Shari'a or any foreign law, legal
45 code, or system that denies the parties the fundamental
46 liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed under the United
47 States Constitution or the State Constitution.

48 (5) This act does not:

49 (a) Disapprove or abrogate existing precedent of the
50 Florida Supreme Court;

51 (b) Limit adjudication of ecclesiastical matters of a
52 religious organization, including the selection, appointment,
53 discipline, or removal of clergy or interpretation of doctrine;

54 (c) Apply to corporations, partnerships, or associations
55 that voluntarily subject themselves to foreign law or courts; or

56 (d) Apply where federal law preempts state law, including
57 obligations under treaties or international agreements.

58 **Section 2. Section 47.122, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
59 **read:**

60 47.122 Change of venue; convenience of parties or
61 witnesses or in the interest of justice; prohibition.—

62 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the
63 convenience of the parties or witnesses or in the interest of
64 justice, any court of record may transfer any civil action to
65 any other court of record in which it might have been brought.

66 (2) A state court, arbitration panel, tribunal, or
67 administrative agency may not transfer any civil action under
68 this section if such transfer would result in the application of
69 Shari'a or any foreign law, legal code, or system that would
70 violate or likely violate the fundamental liberties, rights, and
71 privileges of the parties guaranteed under the United States
72 Constitution or the State Constitution.

73 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.