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H.B. No. 1159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the maximum judgment amount awarded by a justice court  
3 in certain civil cases regarding the repair of residential rental  
4 property.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 92.0563(e), Property Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (e) A justice court may not award a judgment under this  
9 section, including an order of repair, that exceeds \$20,000  
10 [~~\$10,000~~], excluding interest and costs of court.

11 SECTION 2. Section 92.0563(e), Property Code, as amended by  
12 this Act, applies only to a cause of action filed on or after the  
13 effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed before that date  
14 is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and  
15 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.