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S.B. No. 1638

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of justice courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.031(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction and powers provided by the constitution and other law, the justice court has original jurisdiction of:

(1) civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in the district or county court and in which the amount in controversy is not more than \$20,000, exclusive of interest;

(2) cases of forcible entry and detainer; ~~and~~

(3) foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property in cases in which the amount in controversy is otherwise within the justice court's jurisdiction; and

(4) offenses under the laws of this state relating to fraudulent conveyance of interests in real property.

SECTION 2. Section 27.031(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a cause of action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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