

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 92.0563(e), Property Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues before that date 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, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1259 passed the Senate on April 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1259 passed the House on May 6, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 128, Nays 6, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor