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S.B. No. 2051

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the provision of information to a party in an eviction
3 suit regarding the party's right to appeal a judgment and
4 procedures for appeal.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 24, Property Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 24.005105 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 24.005105. STATEMENT OF PARTIES' RIGHT TO APPEAL
9 JUDGMENT OF JUSTICE COURT. At the same time that the justice court
10 renders a judgment in a suit under this chapter, the justice court
11 shall provide a statement to each party to the suit:

12 (1) giving notice of the party's right to appeal the
13 judgment, if any;

14 (2) explaining, as applicable, the procedure for
15 appeal with respect to:

16 (A) the payment of a deposit; or

17 (B) the filing of an appeal bond or a statement of
18 inability to pay; and

19 (3) stating that, on request of the party, the court
20 will provide a form for a statement of inability to pay.

21 SECTION 2. Section 24.005105, Property Code, as added by
22 this Act, applies only to a judgment of a justice court in an
23 eviction suit rendered on or after the effective date of this Act,
24 regardless of whether the suit was filed before, on, or after the

1 effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.