

1 AN ACT

2 relating to eviction suits in justice courts.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 24.0051, Property Code, is amended by
5 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

6 (d) In a suit described by Subsection (c), the citation
7 required by Rule 739, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, must include
8 the following notice to the defendant on the first page of the
9 citation in English and Spanish and in conspicuous bold print:

10 SUIT TO EVICT

11 THIS SUIT TO EVICT INVOLVES IMMEDIATE DEADLINES. CALL THE STATE BAR
12 OF TEXAS TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-9TEXBAR IF YOU NEED HELP LOCATING AN
13 ATTORNEY. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY BE
14 ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to a suit to recover possession of premises filed on or after the
17 effective date of this Act. A suit filed before the effective date
18 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
19 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1483 passed the Senate on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1483 passed the House on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor