

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1483
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 3, 2007,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;
1-5 May 3, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to eviction suits in justice courts.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 24.0051, Property Code, is amended by
1-11 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-12 (d) In a suit described by Subsection (c), the citation
1-13 required by Rule 739, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, must include
1-14 the following notice to the defendant on the first page of the
1-15 citation in English and Spanish and in conspicuous bold print:

1-16 SUIT TO EVICT

1-17 THIS SUIT TO EVICT INVOLVES IMMEDIATE DEADLINES. CALL THE STATE BAR
1-18 OF TEXAS TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-9TEXBAR IF YOU NEED HELP LOCATING AN
1-19 ATTORNEY. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY BE
1-20 ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

1-21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-22 to a suit to recover possession of premises filed on or after the
1-23 effective date of this Act. A suit filed before the effective date
1-24 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
1-25 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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