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H.B. No. 1571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to actions in a justice court regarding the repair of residential rental property.

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

SECTION 1. Section 92.0563, Property Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) The justice, county, and district courts have concurrent jurisdiction in ~~in~~ an action under Subsection (a) ~~of this section except that the justice court may not order repairs under Subdivision (1) of Subsection (a) of this section~~.

(d) If a suit is filed in a justice court requesting relief under Subsection (a), the justice court shall conduct a hearing on the request not earlier than the sixth day after the date on which the action is filed and not later than the 10th day after that date.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An 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 January 1, 2010.