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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the enforcement of certain development regulations in a
- 3 justice court.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 231.229(b), Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) A person commits an offense if the person violates this
- 8 subchapter or an order or development regulation adopted under this
- 9 subchapter. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor
- 10 punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000. Each
- 11 day that a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense. Trial
- 12 shall be in the justice [district] court.
- 13 SECTION 2. Section 231.229, Local Government Code, as
- 14 amended by this Act applies to an offense committed on or after the
- 15 effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the
- 16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
- 17 offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for
- 18 that purpose.
- 19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.