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H.B. No. 1263

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the delay in the implementation of the abolishment of  
small claims courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5.07, Chapter 3 (H.B. 79), Acts of the  
82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, is amended to read as  
follows:

Sec. 5.07. Not later than May 1, 2013, the Texas Supreme  
Court shall promulgate the following rules, to be effective August  
31, 2013:

(1) rules to define cases that constitute small claims  
cases;

(2) rules of civil procedure applicable to small  
claims cases as required by Section 27.060, Government Code, as  
added by this article; and

(3) rules for eviction proceedings.

SECTION 2. Section 5.09, Chapter 3 (H.B. 79), Acts of the  
82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, is amended to read as  
follows:

Sec. 5.09. Sections 5.02 and 5.06 of this article take  
effect August 31 [~~May 1~~], 2013.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.