

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.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1263 was passed by the House on March 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1263 was passed by the Senate on March 27, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor