

Amend SB 2342 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 6 and 7) and substitute "Section 22.004, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:".

(2) On page 1, strike lines 12-15 and substitute the following:

controversy, inclusive of all claims for damages of any kind, whether actual or exemplary, a penalty, attorney's fees, expenses, costs, interest, or any other type of damage of any kind, does not exceed \$100,000. The rules shall address the need for

(3) On page 1, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

(h-1) In addition to the rules adopted under Subsection (h), the supreme court shall adopt rules to promote the prompt, efficient, and cost-effective resolution of civil actions filed in county courts at law in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$250,000. The rules shall balance the need for lowering discovery costs in these actions against the complexity of and discovery needs in these actions. The supreme court may not adopt rules under this subsection that conflict with other statutory law.

(4) On page 3, line 3, strike "is \$250,000 or more" and substitute "exceeds \$250,000".

(5) On page 15, strike line 2 and substitute "22.004(h-1), Government Code, as added by this Act.".