By:  Murr (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 1159

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021; May 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Huffman           X

Hinojosa             X

Creighton            X

Hughes               X

Johnson              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maximum judgment amount awarded by a justice court in certain civil cases regarding the repair of residential rental property.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 92.0563(e), Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  A justice court may not award a judgment under this section, including an order of repair, that exceeds $20,000 [~~$10,000~~], excluding interest and costs of court.

SECTION 2.  Section 92.0563(e), Property Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a cause of action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed before that date 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 September 1, 2021.

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