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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to landlord and tenant dispute information reported by  
3 justice courts to the Texas Judicial Council and made accessible to  
4 the public.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 71, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 71.0354 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 71.0354. LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTE INFORMATION:

9 JUSTICE COURTS. (a) As a component of the official monthly report  
10 submitted to the council, a justice court shall report by category  
11 each case filed in the court involving a dispute between a landlord  
12 and tenant under Chapter 24, Property Code, or Title 8, Property  
13 Code, including:

- 14 (1) eviction suits;  
15 (2) suits involving the disconnection of utilities;  
16 (3) repair and remedy suits;  
17 (4) suits involving security deposits;  
18 (5) suits involving unlawful lockouts;  
19 (6) suits involving the provision of security and  
20 safety devices; and  
21 (7) any other category of suit involving a landlord or  
22 tenant brought under Title 8, Property Code, and designated by the  
23 office.

24 (b) The council may adopt rules as necessary to implement

1 this section.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is  
3 amended by adding Section 72.0345 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 72.0345. LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTE INFORMATION. (a)  
5 The office shall publish on the public information Internet website  
6 maintained by the office under Section 72.034, as added by Chapter  
7 606 (S.B. 891), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session,  
8 2019, information on cases filed in justice courts related to  
9 landlord and tenant disputes. The information must include for each  
10 case:

11 (1) the justice court in which the case is filed,  
12 including the precinct, municipality, and county in which the court  
13 is located;

14 (2) any legal counsel or agent representing the  
15 defendant;

16 (3) any legal counsel or agent representing the  
17 plaintiff; and

18 (4) the disposition of the case.

19 (b) The office shall make the information required by  
20 Subsection (a) available on the public information Internet website  
21 in a format that is searchable by date and jurisdiction.

22 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
23 date of this Act:

24 (1) the Texas Judicial Council shall prescribe the  
25 categories of landlord and tenant suits a justice court is required  
26 to report under Section 71.0354, Government Code, as added by this  
27 Act, and the procedures for reporting under that section; and

1           (2) the Office of Court Administration of the Texas  
2 Judicial System shall publish in a searchable format on the public  
3 information Internet website the landlord and tenant dispute  
4 information as required by Section 72.0345, Government Code, as  
5 added by this Act.

6           (b) Notwithstanding Section 71.0354, Government Code, as  
7 added by this Act, a justice court is not required to report  
8 landlord and tenant dispute information under that section until  
9 after the Texas Judicial Council establishes the categories and  
10 procedures for reporting under that section.

11           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.