

By: Miles

S.B. No. 419

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of county and justice courts in civil matters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.042(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county court has concurrent jurisdiction with the justice courts in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$200 in value but does not exceed \$50,000 [~~\$20,000~~], exclusive of interest.

SECTION 2. Section 27.031(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction and powers provided by the constitution and other law, the justice court has original jurisdiction of:

(1) civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in the district or county court and in which the amount in controversy is not more than \$50,000 [~~\$20,000~~], exclusive of interest;

(2) cases of forcible entry and detainer; and

(3) foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property in cases in which the amount in controversy is otherwise within the justice court's jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a cause of action filed

1 on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed
2 before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before
3 that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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