By:  Creighton S.B. No. 1259

(In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2023; March 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; March 27, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 27, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes            X

Johnson              X

Creighton            X

Hinojosa             X

Middleton            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 that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues 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, 2023.

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