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By:  Kolkhorst S.B. No. 2051

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of information to a party in an eviction suit regarding the party's right to appeal a judgment and procedures for appeal.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 24, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 24.005105 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.005105.  STATEMENT OF PARTIES' RIGHT TO APPEAL JUDGMENT OF JUSTICE COURT. At the same time that the justice court renders a judgment in a suit under this chapter, the justice court shall provide a statement to each party to the suit:

(1)  giving notice of the party's right to appeal the judgment, if any;

(2)  explaining, as applicable, the procedure for appeal with respect to:

(A)  the payment of a deposit; or

(B)  the filing of an appeal bond or a statement of inability to pay; and

(3)  stating that, on request of the party, the court will provide a form for a statement of inability to pay.

SECTION 2.  Section 24.005105, Property Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a judgment of a justice court in an eviction suit rendered on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the suit was filed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.