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AN ACT

relating to the amount of a judgment that may be appealed or removed from justice court.

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

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

(e) A county court has appellate jurisdiction in civil cases over which the justice courts have original jurisdiction in cases in which the judgment appealed from or the amount in controversy exceeds \$250 [~~\$20~~], exclusive of costs.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 51.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In a case tried in justice court in which the judgment or amount in controversy exceeds \$250 [~~\$20~~], exclusive of costs, or in which the appeal is expressly provided by law, a party to a final judgment may appeal to the county court.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 51.002, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After final judgment in a case tried in justice court in which the judgment or amount in controversy exceeds \$250 [~~\$20~~], exclusive of costs, a person may remove the case from the justice court to the county court by writ of certiorari.

SECTION 4. This Act applies only to a cause of action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed

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1 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
2 effect at the time the cause of action was filed, and that law is
3 continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007. _____

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Jon Caddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1413 passed the Senate on
April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____

Datsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1413 passed the House on
May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two
present not voting. _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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