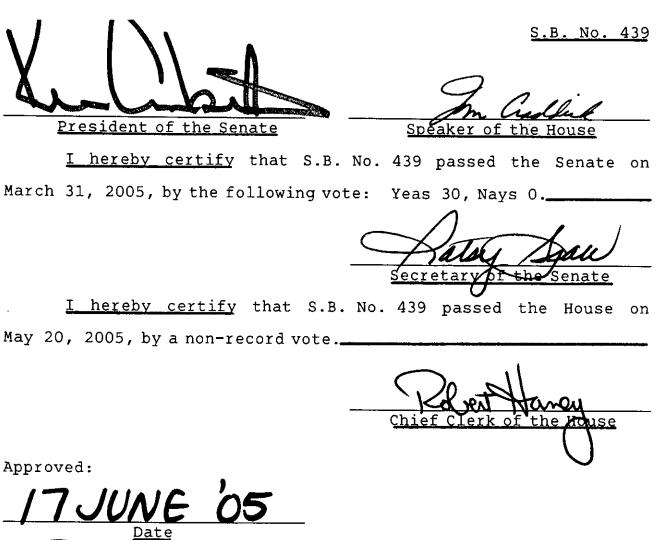
<u>CHAPTER 712</u> S.B. No. 439

Т	AN ACT
2	relating to eviction suits in justice courts.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 24.0051, Property Code, is amended by
5	adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
6	(c) In a suit to recover possession of the premises, whether
7	or not unpaid rent is claimed, the citation required by Rule 739,
8	Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, must include the following notice
9	to the defendant:
10	FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEING
11	ENTERED AGAINST YOU.
12	SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13	to a suit to recover possession of premises filed on or after the
14	effective date of this Act. A suit filed before the effective date
15	of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
16	date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.
17	SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.



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