

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 13-**9049**

FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES FOR JUSTICE COURT CASES

ORDERED that:

1. In accordance with the Act of June 29, 2011, 82nd Leg., 1st C.S., ch. 3, §§ 5.02, 5.07 (HB 79) and the Act of April 2, 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S. (HB 1263), amending section 27.060 of the Texas Government Code and abolishing the small claims court as of August 31, 2013, and pursuant to section 22.004 of the Texas Government Code, Rules 500-510 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure are adopted as follows, and Rules 523-591 and 737-755 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and section 92.0563(d) of the Texas Property Code are repealed, effective August 31, 2013.

2. By Order dated February 12, 2013, in Misc. Docket No. 13-9023, the Court promulgated Rules 500-510 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and invited public comment. Following public comment, the Court made revisions to the rules. This Order incorporates those revisions and contains the final version of the rules.

3. Rules of Civil Procedure 500-510 govern cases filed on or after August 31, 2013, and cases pending on August 31, 2013, except to the extent that in the opinion of the court their application in a case pending on August 31, 2013, would not be feasible or would work injustice, in which event the formerly applicable procedure applies. An action taken before August 31, 2013, in a case pending on August 31, 2013, that was done pursuant to any previously applicable procedure must be treated as valid. Where citation or other process was issued or served prior to August 31, 2013, in compliance with any previously applicable procedure, the party served has the time provided for under the previously applicable procedure to answer or otherwise respond.

4. This Order also promulgates a justice court civil case information sheet, as required by new Rule 502 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. The case information sheet takes effect August 31, 2013.

5. The Clerk is directed to:

- a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
- b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
- c. send a copy of this Order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
- d. submit a copy of the Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: April 15th, 2013.

