

CHAPTER 618

S.B. No. 382

An Act relating to duties of the clerk of county and district courts in regard to appeals and judgments in workers' compensation cases; adding Section 7 to Article 8309, Revised Statutes, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 8309, Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended by adding Section 7 to read as follows:

"Section 7. NOTICE BY CLERK ON APPEAL. (a) In every case appealed from the board to a district or county court, the clerk of the county or district court shall within 20 days after the filing of the suit mail to the board a notice giving the style, number, and date of filing; and within 20 days after judgment is rendered in the suit, the clerk shall mail to the board a certified copy of the judgment. The district and county clerk shall be entitled to a reasonable fee for this service which shall be charged as court costs.

"(b) The attorney preparing the judgment shall file the original and a copy with the clerk of the court. However, the failure of the attorney to file a copy does not excuse the clerk of the court from the duty to mail a certified copy of the judgment to the board."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985