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(filled in by court)

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| _____ , |) | IN THE JUSTICE COURT |
| PLAINTIFF (Your Name), |) | |
| vs. |) | |
| |) | PRECINCT ____, PLACE ____ |
| |) | |
| _____ , |) | |
| DEFENDANT (Landlord). |) | _____ COUNTY, TEXAS |

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE COURT:

Plaintiff files this original petition in the above-styled and numbered cause, and in support, shows the Court as follows:

I. DISCOVERY

1. Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under Level 1.

II. PARTIES

2. _____, Plaintiff, is a resident of the county of this Court, within Texas.
3. _____, Defendant, may be served at the following address:

_____.

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, and venue is proper as the cause of action arose in the county of this Court within Texas.

IV. FACTS

5. Plaintiff leased premises from Defendant.
6. Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff in violation of Section 92.331 of the Texas Property Code when Plaintiff (mark all that apply):

- exercised or attempted to exercise a right granted by the lease or law;
- gave Plaintiff a notice to repair; and/or

- complained to a governmental entity, nonprofit or civic agency.

7. Defendant retaliated by (mark all that apply):

- filing an eviction proceeding;
- depriving Plaintiff of the use of the premises;
- decreasing services to Plaintiff;
- increasing Plaintiff's rent;
- terminating Plaintiff's lease; and/or
- materially interfered with Plaintiff's rights under the lease.

V. CAUSES OF ACTION

8. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for improperly retaliating against Plaintiff based one or more grounds. Pursuant to Section 92.333 Texas Property Code, Plaintiff requests the following relief for EACH violation noted above:

- a. civil penalties of one month's rent plus \$500,
- b. actual damages,
- c. actual expenses,
- d. and court costs from Defendant.

VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff requests this Court grant the following relief:

- a. civil penalties as requested herein;
- b. actual damages and actual expenses;
- c. court costs; and
- d. any other relief to which Plaintiff is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

(Your Signature)

(Your Printed Name)

(Your Address)

(Your City, State, Zip)

(Your Phone Number)