

1 ARTICLE 2. EXPEDITED CIVIL ACTIONS

2 SECTION 2.01. Section 22.004, Government Code, is amended
3 by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

4 (h) The supreme court shall adopt rules to promote the
5 prompt, efficient, and cost-effective resolution of civil actions.
6 The rules shall apply to civil actions in district courts, county
7 courts at law, and statutory probate courts in which the amount in
8 controversy, inclusive of all claims for damages of any kind,
9 whether actual or exemplary, a penalty, attorney's fees, expenses,
10 costs, interest, or any other type of damage of any kind, does not
11 exceed \$100,000. The rules shall address the need for lowering
12 discovery costs in these actions and the procedure for ensuring
13 that these actions will be expedited in the civil justice system.
14 The supreme court may not adopt rules under this subsection that
15 conflict with a provision of:

- 16 (1) Chapter 74, Civil Practice and Remedies Code;
17 (2) the Family Code;
18 (3) the Property Code; or
19 (4) the Tax Code.

20 ARTICLE 3. APPEAL OF CONTROLLING QUESTION OF LAW

21 SECTION 3.01. Section 51.014, Civil Practice and Remedies
22 Code, is amended by amending Subsections (d) and (e) and adding
23 Subsections (d-1) and (f) to read as follows:

24 (d) On a party's motion or on its own initiative, a trial
25 court in a civil action ~~[A district court, county court at law, or~~
26 ~~county court]~~ may, by [issue a] written order, permit an appeal from
27 an order that is ~~[for interlocutory appeal in a civil action]~~ not