

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 253
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 19, 2018; February 7, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
 1-4 Relations; April 11, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 3; April 11, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Lucio	X			
1-8 Schwertner		X		
1-9 Alvarado	X			
1-10 Campbell		X		
1-11 Fallon		X		
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Nichols	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to expedited proceedings in cases involving dangerously
 1-18 damaged or deteriorated or substandard buildings or improvements in
 1-19 a municipality.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 51.014(a), Civil Practice and Remedies
 1-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-23 (a) A person may appeal from an interlocutory order of a
 1-24 district court, county court at law, statutory probate court, or
 1-25 county court that:

1-26 (1) appoints a receiver or trustee;

1-27 (2) overrules a motion to vacate an order that

1-28 appoints a receiver or trustee;

1-29 (3) certifies or refuses to certify a class in a suit
 1-30 brought under Rule 42 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;

1-31 (4) grants or refuses a temporary injunction or grants
 1-32 or overrules a motion to dissolve a temporary injunction as
 1-33 provided by Chapter 65;

1-34 (5) denies a motion for summary judgment that is based
 1-35 on an assertion of immunity by an individual who is an officer or
 1-36 employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state;

1-37 (6) denies a motion for summary judgment that is based
 1-38 in whole or in part upon a claim against or defense by a member of
 1-39 the electronic or print media, acting in such capacity, or a person
 1-40 whose communication appears in or is published by the electronic or
 1-41 print media, arising under the free speech or free press clause of
 1-42 the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, or Article
 1-43 I, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution, or Chapter 73;

1-44 (7) grants or denies the special appearance of a
 1-45 defendant under Rule 120a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, except
 1-46 in a suit brought under the Family Code;

1-47 (8) grants or denies a plea to the jurisdiction by a
 1-48 governmental unit as that term is defined in Section 101.001;

1-49 (9) denies all or part of the relief sought by a motion
 1-50 under Section 74.351(b), except that an appeal may not be taken from
 1-51 an order granting an extension under Section 74.351;

1-52 (10) grants relief sought by a motion under Section
 1-53 74.351(1);

1-54 (11) denies a motion to dismiss filed under Section
 1-55 90.007;

1-56 (12) denies a motion to dismiss filed under Section
 1-57 27.003; ~~or~~

1-58 (13) denies a motion for summary judgment filed by an
 1-59 electric utility regarding liability in a suit subject to Section
 1-60 75.002; or

1-61 (14) denies a motion filed by a governmental unit as

2-1 defined by Section 101.001 of this code in an action filed under
2-2 Section 54.012(6) or 214.0012, Local Government Code.

2-3 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Local Government Code,
2-4 is amended by adding Section 54.0155 to read as follows:

2-5 Sec. 54.0155. EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS FOR CERTAIN CIVIL
2-6 ACTIONS. (a) A court shall expedite any proceeding, including an
2-7 appeal in accordance with Subsection (b), related to a suit brought
2-8 under this subchapter for the enforcement of an ordinance relating
2-9 to dangerously damaged or deteriorated structures or improvements
2-10 as described by Section 54.012(6).

2-11 (b) An appeal of a suit described by Subsection (a) is
2-12 governed by the procedures for accelerated appeals in civil cases
2-13 under the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. The appellate court
2-14 shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible
2-15 delay.

2-16 SECTION 3. Section 214.001, Local Government Code, is
2-17 amended by adding Subsection (s) to read as follows:

2-18 (s) A court shall expedite any proceeding, including an
2-19 appeal in accordance with Section 214.0012, related to a
2-20 substandard building determination under this section.

2-21 SECTION 4. Section 214.0012, Local Government Code, is
2-22 amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

2-23 (i) An appeal under this section is governed by the
2-24 procedures for accelerated appeals in civil cases under the Texas
2-25 Rules of Appellate Procedure. The district court shall render its
2-26 final order or judgment with the least possible delay.

2-27 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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