

# SMALL CLAIM CASES

A small claims case is a lawsuit brought for the recovery of money damages, civil penalties, personal property, or other relief allowed by law. The claim can be for no more than \$20,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any. Small claims cases are governed by Rules 500-507 of Part V of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

For information on Justice Court Rules, please visit [Texas Judicial Branch Rules and Forms](#) website.

## FORMS NEEDED:

\* Indicates three copies need to be submitted

1. **Small Claims Petition**
2. **Military Affidavit**
3. **Last Known Mailing Address**

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. File with Justice Court Precinct Three and serve **in** Colorado County
  - Fees
  - \$46 filing fee
  - \$95 Constable fee for each person being served
2. File with Justice Court Precinct Three and serve **outside** Colorado County
  - The plaintiff is responsible to provide the court with the following information: name, address, phone number and separate payment for the service fee for the Constable, Sheriff or other agency that will be serving the citation.