IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 21-9082

ORDER ADDING COMMENT TO TEXAS RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 107

ORDERED that:

- 1. In accordance with Act of May 31, 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., ch. 787 (HB 39, codified at TEX. FAM. CODE § 85.006), the Court approves the following comment to Rule 107 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. The comment takes effect September 1, 2021.
- 3. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
 - c. send a copy of this Order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of the Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: August 2, 2021

Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice Debra H. Lehrmann ustice 2 John J . De ustice ne, Blacklock, Justice Busby, Justice Me N. Bland N. Bland, Justice Jar

Justice Rebeca A. Huddle,

Rule 107. Return of Service

(h) No default judgment shall be granted in any cause until proof of service as provided by this rule or by Rules 108 or 108a, or as ordered by the court in the event citation is executed by an alternative method under Rule 106, shall have been on file with the clerk of the court ten days, exclusive of the day of filing and the day of judgment.

Notes and Comments

<u>2021</u> Comment: Certain default orders, like those in suits for protection from family violence, may be exempt by statute from the ten-day requirement in paragraph (h). See, e.g., TEX. FAM. CODE § 85.006.