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Introduced by M. of A. JOYNER, RICHARDSON, BLAKE, GOTTFRIED, MILLER, SIMON, ORTIZ, COOK, PERRY, LINARES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary -- recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the New York city civil court act, in relation to requiring the office of court administration to promulgate certain housing court documents provided to parties in their native language

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 110 of the New York city civil court act is amended by adding a new subdivision (q) to read as follows:

(Q) (1) THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION SHALL BY RULE PROMULGATE A SPANISH VERSION OF THE NOTICE OF PETITION AND PETITION FOR NONPAYMENT, AND REQUIRE THAT IT BE SERVED TOGETHER WITH AN ENGLISH VERSION IN ALL PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED UNDER SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO OF THE REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS LAW.

(2) THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION SHALL BY RULE PROMULGATE A NOTICE TO BE INCLUDED IN OR ANNEXED TO ALL PETITIONS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED UNDER SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO OF THE REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS LAW, WHICH SHALL STATE, IN THE SIX MOST COMMON LANGUAGES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THAT THE RESPONDENT MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF PETITION AND PETITION FORM IN THOSE SIX MOST COMMON LANGUAGES ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, AND MAY CALL A DESIGNATED TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE COURT PROCESS FOR EVICTION IN THE RESPONDENT'S NATIVE LANGUAGE.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(3) THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION SHALL BY RULE REVISE THE TEXT OF THE POSTCARD CURRENTLY REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY PETITIONERS IN PROCEEDINGS SUBJECT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS LAW TO INCLUDE NOTICE IN THE SIX MOST COMMON LANGUAGES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THAT THE RESPONDENT MAY OBTAIN THE NOTICE OF PETITION AND PETITION FORM IN THOSE SIX MOST COMMON LANGUAGES ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, AND MAY CALL A DESIGNATED TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE COURT PROCESS FOR EVICTION IN THE RESPONDENT'S NATIVE LANGUAGE.

(4) THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROMULGATE NOTICES IN THE SIX MOST COMMON LANGUAGES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LITIGANTS IN THE HOUSING PART OF THE CIVIL COURT ADVISING THEM OF THE RIGHT TO HAVE ALL COURT PROCEEDINGS AND ANY AGREEMENTS SETTLING THE CASE INTERPRETED TO THEM ORALLY IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.