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Introduced by M. of A. JOYNER, GOTTFRIED, SIMON, COOK, PERRY, ORTIZ, BICHOTTE, BARRON, D'URSO, JAFFEE, COLTON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

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 that shall include a designated telephone number which will provide information to the respondent in Spanish on the court process for eviction, and the Notice of Petition shall be required to 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 annexed to all Notices of 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, after Spanish, that the respondent may obtain a copy of the Notice of Petition form in those six most common languages on the internet website of the office of court administration which shall be provided on this notice for this purpose, and may call a designated telephone number, listed on the notice, which will provide information on the court process for eviction in those six languages.

(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

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

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proceedings law to include notice in the seven most common languages in the city of New York, that the respondent may call a designated telephone number, listed on the postcard, for more information on the court process for eviction.

(4) The office of court administration shall promulgate notices in the seven 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.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.