**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Plaintiff §

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v. § PRECINCT \_\_\_\_

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Defendant § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**Motion to Appoint a Spoken Language Interpreter**

This Motion to Appoint a Language Interpreter is filed by Movant,

, who shows the following:

*(PRINT your full name.)*

1. This suit is a

*(PRINT the title of the proceedings.)*

1. Movant, , speaks little or no English.

*(PRINT your full name.)*

1. Movant’s primary language is
2. A hearing will be held on at the located at . The expected duration of the hearing is .  
   The hearing will be conducted  in person  by telephone  by video platform .
3. Movant is a  party  witness  other to the proceeding. *(check one)*
4. Movant asks the Court to appoint a spoken language court Interpreter so that Movant may participate in the hearing listed above and any other hearings in this case. Movant asks the Court to order the costs of the interpreter be paid for by the county.
5. Texas Government Code §57.002(a) provides that the court shall appoint a certified court interpreter or a licensed court interpreter if a motion is filed by a party in a civil or criminal proceeding.
   * Texas Government Code § 57.002(c) provides that in a county with a population of less than 50,000, the court may appoint an interpreter who is not licensed.
   * Texas Government Code § 57.002(d) provides that in a county with a population of more than 50,000, the court may appoint an interpreter who is not certified or licensed if the language necessary in the proceeding is not Spanish and the court makes a finding that there is no licensed court interpreter within 75 miles who can interpret in the language necessary in the proceeding.
6. *(Cross out or delete if not applicable)* Movant is indigent and has filed a Statement of Inability to Afford Court Costs. Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 145 provides that a party unable to afford court costs may file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs in lieu of paying costs.

Movant prays for such other and further relief to which s/he may be entitled. Respectfully submitted,

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| *Your Signature* |  | *Date* |
| *Your Printed Name* |  | *Phone* |
| *Mailing Address City State Zip* | | |
| *Email Address* |  | *Fax Number (if available)* |

# Notice of Hearing

This Motion to Appoint a Language Interpreter is set for hearing on , at   a.m.  p.m. at the ,

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*time*

located at .

# Certificate of Service

I will give a copy of this document to each party in this case, or if a party is represented by a lawyer, to the party’s lawyer, on the same day this document is filed with (turned in to) the Court as follows:

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*Movant’s Signature Date*