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**Cause Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete the heading so that it looks exactly like the Petition)

In the (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_  District Court  
Court  County Court at Law  
Number  Justice Court (JP)  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

## Motion to Appoint a Language Interpreter and Notice of Hearing

This Motion to Appoint a Language Interpreter and Notice of Hearing is brought by Movant,  
\_\_\_\_\_, who shows the following:  
(PRINT your full name.)

1. This suit is a \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT the title of the proceedings.)
2. Movant, \_\_\_\_\_, speaks little or no English.  
(PRINT your full name.)
3. Movant's primary language is \_\_\_\_\_
4. A hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_  
located at \_\_\_\_\_
5. 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. Movant is indigent and has attached a file stamped copy of Movant's Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs.
6. 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.

7. 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,



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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*Your Printed Name*

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*Fax Number (if available)*

### **Notice of Hearing**

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