

PETITION FOR A DECREE ENFORCING THE ORDER IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

(L) (1) IF THE COMMISSION ELECTS TO PURSUE JUDICIAL ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL COMMENCE AND MAINTAIN NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION IS MADE, A CIVIL ACTION SEEKING RELIEF UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON BEHALF OF THE AGGRIEVED PERSON IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE DWELLING THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION IS LOCATED.

(2) ANY AGGRIEVED PERSON WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUES TO BE DETERMINED IN A CIVIL ACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY INTERVENE AS OF RIGHT IN THE CIVIL ACTION.

(3) IN A CIVIL ACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE COURT FINDS THAT A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE HAS OCCURRED ~~OR IS ABOUT TO OCCUR~~, THE COURT MAY GRANT AS RELIEF:

(I) EXCEPT FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, ANY RELIEF THAT A COURT COULD GRANT WITH RESPECT TO THE DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE IN A CIVIL ACTION UNDER § 33 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST THE RESPONDENT TO VINDICATE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND TO BE PAID TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE:

1. IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 IF THE RESPONDENT HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY PRIOR DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE;

2. IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$25,000 IF THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED 1 OTHER DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE DURING THE 5-YEAR PERIOD ENDING ON THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THIS CHARGE; AND

3. IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000 IF THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED 2 OR MORE DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICES DURING THE 7-YEAR PERIOD ENDING ON THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THIS CHARGE.

(4) IF THE ACTS CONSTITUTING THE DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE THAT IS THE OBJECT OF THE CHARGE ARE COMMITTED BY THE SAME NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED ACTS CONSTITUTING A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE, THEN THE CIVIL PENALTIES SET