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H.P. 171

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

An Act Regarding Small Claims Court Jurisdiction

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of
Pittston, LOCKMAN of Bradley, MORRIS of Turner, RECKITT of South Portland,
RUDNICKI of Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 428, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 Notwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, a "small claim" means a right
5 of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage does not exceed ~~\$6,000~~ \$15,000
6 exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real
7 estate.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill increases the jurisdictional limits for small claims from \$6,000 to \$15,000.