

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 90

S. P. 52

In Senate, January 7, 1971

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of the District Court in Civil Actions.

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

R. S., T. 4, § 152, amended. The first sentence of section 152 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 236 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

The District Court shall possess the civil and criminal jurisdiction exercised by all trial justices and municipal courts in the State on September 16, 1961, and in addition, original jurisdiction, concurrent with that of the Superior Court of all civil actions in which neither damages in excess of ~~\$10,000~~ **\$20,000** nor equitable relief is demanded, of actions for divorce or annulment of marriage and of proceedings under Title 19 and original jurisdiction, concurrent with that of the probate court, of actions for separation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the jurisdiction of the District Court in civil actions from \$10,000 to \$20,000.