

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 212

S.P. 91

In Senate, February 4, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative VOSE of Eastport,
Representative CONLEY of Portland, Representative MACBRIDE of
Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Increase the Small Claims Court
Limit.

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

14 MRSA §7482, as amended by PL 1983, c. 678, is further amended to read:

§7482. Definition of a small claim

A "small claim" means a right of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage does not exceed ~~\$1,400~~ \$2,500 exclusive of interest and costs. It shall not include an action involving the title to real estate.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill increases the small
3 claims court limit from \$1,400 to \$2,500. This will
4 enable consumers and businesses greater access to
5 this court for quicker resolution of disputes involv-
6 ing relatively small dollar amounts without the need
7 to hire an attorney.

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