

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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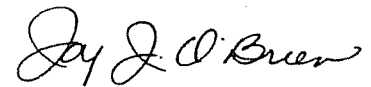
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S.P. 792

In Senate, December 28, 1989

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

  
JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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An Act to Prevent Burdensome Debt Collection Practices in Small Claims Court.

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

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4 14 MRSA §3121-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 184, §4,  
is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 1. Commencement of proceedings. Notwithstanding Title 4,  
8 section 155, and any other provisions of law, and except as  
10 provided in subsection 2, any proceeding under this chapter must  
12 be commenced in the division of the District Court where the  
14 transaction occurred, where the defendant resides, where the  
16 defendant has a place of business or, if the defendant is a  
18 corporation or partnership, where its registered agent resides.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit debt collectors from  
20 requiring debtors to travel great distances for money judgment  
disclosure hearings.