

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

---

Legislative Document

No. 72

H.P. 59

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Require Small Claims to be Brought in the County where the Transaction Occurred.**

---

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, CLOUGH of Scarborough, FOSTER of Gray,  
HEIDRICH of Oxford, HONEY of Boothbay, JODREY of Bethel, USHER of Westbrook,  
Senator: BENOIT of Franklin.

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

2

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7483**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 667, §2, is amended to read:

4

6

**§7483. Venue**

8

A small claim shall ~~shall~~ **must** be brought in the a division of the District Court in the county where the transaction occurred, ~~where the defendant resides, where the defendant has a place of business or, if the defendant is a corporation or partnership, where its registered agent resides.~~

10

12

14

**SUMMARY**

16

This bill requires a civil action under the small claims laws to be brought in a division of the District Court in the county where the transaction occurred. Current law permits a small claim to be brought in the division of the District Court where the transaction occurred or where the defendant resides or has a place of business or where its registered corporate or partnership agent resides. The bill then expands the permissible District Court venue for small claims to the entire county where the transaction occurred and eliminates other venue options.

18

20

22

24