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In Senate, March 5, 2013

An Act Regarding Service of Small Claims Notices

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: BURNS of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7484-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 604, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Rules by Supreme Judicial Court.** The procedures with respect to the
5 commencement of the action, the fee, the notice to the parties, the settlement or hearing,
6 the judgment, appeal and postjudgment proceedings must be set forth in rules of
7 procedure adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court. Rules adopted under this section may
8 not restrict the number of claims that may be filed in any given period. Rules adopted by
9 the Supreme Judicial Court must permit service of a statement of claim by alternate
10 means in the same manner and under the same circumstances as permitted under the
11 Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4(g) for service of a summons and complaint.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill permits service of a statement of claim in a small claims court proceeding by
14 alternate means as permitted for service of a summons and complaint under the Maine
15 Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4(g).