



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Spear of South Thomaston

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$43,200	\$43,200	\$43,200
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$43,200	\$43,200	\$43,200

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Judicial Department will require a General Fund appropriation of \$43,200 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the additional mediation costs that will result from increasing the small claims limit from \$6,000 to \$15,000. Increasing the limit may also require additional judge, clerk and marshal resources. An estimate of those additional costs is not available at this time, but would be in addition to the \$43,200 contained in this bill.