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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

An Act Regarding Small Claims Court Jurisdiction

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of
Pittston, LOCKMAN of Bradley, MORRIS of Turner, RECKITT of South Portland,
RUDNICKI of Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first ¶, as amended by PL 2009, c. 428, §1, is further
3	amended to read:
4	Notwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, a "small claim" means a right
5	of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage does not exceed \$6,000 \$15,000
6	exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real
7	estate.
8	SUMMARY
9	This bill increases the jurisdictional limits for small claims from \$6,000 to \$15,000.