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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 422, L.D. 654, “An Act to Adjust the Maximum Small Claim Limit Based on the Consumer Price Index”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Increase the Maximum Small Claim Limit'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first ¶, as amended by PL 2009, c. 428, §1, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, a "small claim" means a right of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage does not exceed ~~\$6,000~~ \$10,000 exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real estate.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment raises the maximum small claim limit from \$6,000 to \$10,000. The amendment also establishes an effective date of January 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)