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House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston. Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and

Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, DENNO of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, MADIGAN of Rumford, RYKERSON of Kittery, SHEATS of Auburn, SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

ı	be it enacted by the reopie of the State of Maine as follows:
2	<b>Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first</b> $\P$ , as amended by PL 2009, c. 428, §1, is further amended to read:
4 5 6 7	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 \$15,000 exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real estate.
3	SUMMARY
9	This bill increases the jurisdictional limits for small claims from \$6,000 to \$15,000.