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Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER, COOK, BRINDISI, GOODELL, MONTESANO, ROBINSON, WEPRIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, McDONOUGH, McKEVITT, PERRY, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the New York city civil court act, the uniform district court act, the uniform city court act, and the uniform justice court act, in relation to civil jurisdictional limits

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 1801 of the New York city civil court act, as  
2 amended by chapter 65 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     S 1801. Small claims defined. The term "small claim" or "small claims"  
5 as used in this act shall mean and include any cause of action for money  
6 only not in excess of [five] TEN thousand dollars exclusive of interest  
7 and costs, or any action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbit-  
8 ration award rendered pursuant to part 137 of the rules of the chief  
9 administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the amount in  
10 dispute does not exceed [five] TEN thousand dollars, provided that the  
11 defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction of busi-  
12 ness or a regular employment, within the city of New York.  
13     S 2. Section 1801 of the uniform district court act, as amended by  
14 chapter 65 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
15 S 1801. Small claims defined.  
16     The term "small claim" or "small claims" as used in this act shall  
17 mean and include any cause of action for money only not in excess of  
18 [five] TEN thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, or any  
19 action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbitration award rendered  
20 pursuant to part one hundred thirty-seven of the rules of the chief  
21 administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the amount in  
22 dispute does not exceed [five] TEN thousand dollars, provided that the

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction of busi-  
2 ness or a regular employment, within a district of the court in the  
3 county.

4 S 3. Section 1801 of the uniform city court act, as amended by chapter  
5 65 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

6 S 1801. Small claims defined.

7 The term "small claim" or "small claims" as used in this act shall  
8 mean and include any cause of action for money only not in excess of  
9 [five] TEN thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, or any  
10 action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbitration award rendered  
11 pursuant to part 137 of the rules of the chief administrator of the  
12 courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the amount in dispute does not  
13 exceed [\$5,000,] TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS provided that the defendant either  
14 resides, or has an office for the transaction of business or a regular  
15 employment, within the county.

16 S 4. Section 1801 of the uniform justice court act, as amended by  
17 chapter 76 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

18 S 1801. Small claims defined.

19 The term "small claim" or "small claims" as used in this act shall  
20 mean and include any cause of action for money only not in excess of  
21 [three] TEN thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, provided  
22 that the defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction  
23 of business or a regular employment, within the municipality where the  
24 court is located. However, where a judge of the county court, pursuant  
25 to subdivision (g) of section three hundred twenty-five of the civil  
26 practice law and rules, transfers a small claim from the town or village  
27 court having jurisdiction over the matter to another town or village  
28 court within the same county, the court to which it is transferred shall  
29 have jurisdiction to determine the claim.

30 S 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
31 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to  
32 actions or proceedings filed on or after such date.