

STATE OF NEW YORK

8001

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 17, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. RAJKUMAR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the uniform city court act, the uniform district court act, and the New York city civil court act, in relation to increasing the jurisdictional limits for small claims to fifteen thousand dollars

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1801 of the uniform city court act, as amended by
2 chapter 485 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 1801. Small claims defined.

4 The term "small claim" or "small claims" as used in this act shall
5 mean and include any cause of action for money only not in excess of
6 [~~five~~] fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, or any
7 action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbitration award rendered
8 pursuant to part [~~137~~] one hundred thirty-seven of the rules of the
9 chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the
10 amount in dispute does not exceed [~~\$5,000~~] fifteen thousand dollars,
11 provided that the defendant either resides, or has an office for the
12 transaction of business or a regular employment within the county, or
13 where the claimant is or was a tenant or lessee of real property owned
14 by the defendant and the claim relates to such tenancy or lease, and
15 such real property is situated within the county.

16 § 2. Section 1801 of the uniform district court act, as amended by
17 chapter 485 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 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 [~~five~~] fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, or any
22 action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbitration award rendered
23 pursuant to part one hundred thirty-seven of the rules of the chief
24 administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the amount in

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

LBD11239-01-5

1 dispute does not exceed [~~five~~] fifteen thousand dollars, provided that
2 the defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction of
3 business or a regular employment within a district of the court in the
4 county, or where the claimant is or was a tenant or lessee of real prop-
5 erty owned by the defendant and the claim relates to such tenancy or
6 lease, and such real property is situated within a district of the court
7 in the county.

8 § 3. Section 1801 of the New York city civil court act, as amended by
9 chapter 485 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 1801. Small claims defined. The term "small claim" or "small claims"
11 as used in this act shall mean and include any cause of action for money
12 only not in excess of [~~ten~~] fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of inter-
13 est and costs, or any action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbi-
14 tration award rendered pursuant to part [~~137~~] one hundred thirty-seven
15 of the rules of the chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part
16 137) in which the amount in dispute does not exceed [~~ten~~] fifteen thou-
17 sand dollars, provided that the defendant either resides, or has an
18 office for the transaction of business or a regular employment within
19 the city of New York, or where claimant is a tenant or lessee of real
20 property owned by the defendant and the claim relates to such tenancy or
21 lease, and such real property is situated within the city of New York.

22 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
23 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.