

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 19, 2017

Introduced by Sens. GIANARIS, BRESLIN, DILAN, PERALTA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 § 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 § 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 § 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  
23 defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction of busi-

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

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1 ness or a regular employment, within a district of the court in the  
2 county.

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

5 § 1801. Small claims defined.

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

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

17 § 1801. Small claims defined.

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

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