

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 7, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, NIOU, DenDEKKER -- (at request of the Office of Court Administration) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to judgment by confession

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) and subdivision (b) of
2 section 3218 of the civil practice law and rules, paragraph 1 of subdivi-
3 vision (a) as amended by chapter 311 of the laws of 1963, are amended to
4 read as follows:

5 1. stating the sum for which judgment may be entered, authorizing the
6 entry of judgment, and stating the county where the defendant resides
7 [~~or if he is a non-resident, the county in which entry is authorized~~];

8 (b) Entry of judgment. At any time within three years after the affi-
9 davit is executed, it may be filed, but only with the clerk of the coun-
10 ty where the [~~defendant~~] defendant's affidavit stated [~~in his affidavit~~
11 ~~that he~~] that the defendant resided when it was executed or [~~, if the~~
12 ~~defendant was then a non-resident, with the clerk of the county desig-~~
13 ~~nated in the affidavit~~] where the defendant resided at the time of
14 filing. [~~Thereupon the~~] The clerk shall then enter a judgment in the
15 supreme court for the sum confessed. [~~He~~] The clerk shall tax costs [~~to~~]
16 in the amount of fifteen dollars, besides disbursements taxable in an
17 action. The judgment may be docketed and enforced in the same manner
18 and with the same effect as a judgment in an action in the supreme
19 court. No judgment by confession may be entered after the defendant's
20 death. For purposes of this section, a non-natural person resides in
21 any county where it has a place of business.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a govern-
23 ment agency engaged in the enforcement of civil or criminal law against
24 a person or a non-natural person may file an affidavit in any county.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to judgments by
26 confession entered upon affidavits filed on or after such effective
27 date.

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

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