

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 13, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. K. Brown) --
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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1801 of the uniform city court act, as amended by
2 chapter 65 of the laws of 2010, 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.

13 § 2. Section 1801 of the uniform city court act, as amended by chapter
14 485 of the laws of 2021, 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~~] fifteen 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 [~~137~~] one hundred thirty-seven of the rules of the
21 chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the
22 amount in dispute does not exceed [~~\$5,000~~] fifteen thousand dollars,
23 provided that the defendant either resides, or has an office for the
24 transaction of business or a regular employment within the county, or
25 where the claimant is or was a tenant or lessee of real property owned
26 by the defendant and the claim relates to such tenancy or lease, and
27 such real property is situated within the county.

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

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1 § 3. Section 1801 of the uniform district court act, as amended by
2 chapter 65 of the laws of 2010, 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 one hundred thirty-seven 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~~] fifteen thousand dollars, provided that
11 the defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction of
12 business or a regular employment, within a district of the court in the
13 county.

14 § 4. Section 1801 of the uniform district court act, as amended by
15 chapter 485 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

16 § 1801. Small claims defined.

17 The term "small claim" or "small claims" as used in this act shall
18 mean and include any cause of action for money only not in excess of
19 [~~five~~] fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, or any
20 action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbitration award rendered
21 pursuant to part one hundred thirty-seven of the rules of the chief
22 administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part 137) in which the amount in
23 dispute does not exceed [~~five~~] fifteen thousand dollars, provided that
24 the defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction of
25 business or a regular employment within a district of the court in the
26 county, or where the claimant is or was a tenant or lessee of real prop-
27 erty owned by the defendant and the claim relates to such tenancy or
28 lease, and such real property is situated within a district of the court
29 in the county.

30 § 5. Section 1801 of the New York city civil court act, as amended by
31 chapter 664 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

32 § 1801. Small claims defined. The term "small claim" or "small claims"
33 as used in this act shall mean and include any cause of action for money
34 only not in excess of [~~ten~~] fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of
35 interest and costs, or any action commenced by a party aggrieved by an
36 arbitration award rendered pursuant to part [~~137~~] one hundred thirty-
37 seven of the rules of the chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR
38 Part 137) in which the amount in dispute does not exceed [~~ten~~] fifteen
39 thousand dollars, provided that the defendant either resides, or has an
40 office for the transaction of business or a regular employment, within
41 the city of New York.

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

44 § 1801. Small claims defined. The term "small claim" or "small claims"
45 as used in this act shall mean and include any cause of action for money
46 only not in excess of [~~ten~~] fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of inter-
47 est and costs, or any action commenced by a party aggrieved by an arbi-
48 tration award rendered pursuant to part [~~137~~] one hundred thirty-seven
49 of the rules of the chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR Part
50 137) in which the amount in dispute does not exceed [~~ten~~] fifteen thou-
51 sand dollars, provided that the defendant either resides, or has an
52 office for the transaction of business or a regular employment within
53 the city of New York, or where claimant is a tenant or lessee of real
54 property owned by the defendant and the claim relates to such tenancy or
55 lease, and such real property is situated within the city of New York.

1 § 7. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
2 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided,
3 however, that if chapter 485 of the laws of 2021 shall not have taken
4 effect on or before such date then sections two, four and six of this
5 act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such
6 chapter of the laws of 2021 takes effect.