

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 158

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NANCE (Sponsor),  
RUESTMAN AND PARKINSON (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 482.305 and 482.315, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to small claims actions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 482.305 and 482.315, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 482.305 and 482.315, to read as follows:

482.305. When sitting as a small claims court, the judge shall have original jurisdiction  
2 of all civil cases, whether tort or contract, where the amount in controversy does not exceed  
3 [three] **five** thousand dollars, exclusive of interest or costs, or as provided in this chapter.

482.315. 1. If the amount in controversy in an action exceeds [three] **five** thousand  
2 dollars, a plaintiff may file and prosecute a small claims action for recovery of money, but such  
3 plaintiff waives any claim for any sum in excess of [three] **five** thousand dollars in that or in any  
4 subsequent proceeding involving the same parties and issues.

5 2. In an action transferred under section 482.325, the plaintiff or defendant may amend  
6 the claim or counterclaim to a dollar amount not to exceed the jurisdictional limit of the division  
7 of the circuit court to which the action was transferred.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.