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Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Announces His Bill Increasing Small Claims Court Jurisdiction Signed By Governor

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NEW YORK, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the enactment of his legislation ([S6417](#)) to increase the amount in dispute that small claims court can address. The legislation which was signed by the Governor raises the previous jurisdictional limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

“This is an important law that will make it easier for people to achieve justice in relatively minor disputes without needing to hire an attorney,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I am pleased to see this legislation addressing basic fairness signed into law.”

The current cap for small claims in New York City is \$5,000 which is below the cost of many current disputes. The new law allows people to resolve higher-dollar disputes without requiring attorneys.

The limit for small claims outside the City of New York remains \$5,000 in city courts and \$3,000 in town and village courts.

The legislation takes effect immediately.

related legislation

[2019-S6417](#)

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- Introduced
 - - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
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 - Passed Senate
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