

SB 167 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **167**

AN ACT relative to filing of small claims.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Rep. Almy, Graf 13

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies entries for litigation for small claims when the defendant is a nonresident.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Entry of Claims; Nonresident Defendant. Amend RSA 503:3-b to read as follows:
2 503:3-b Entry of Claims; Nonresident Defendant. [~~The statement of the claim shall be filed with~~
3 ~~the clerk of a municipal court in the town in which the defendant resides. If there is no municipal~~
4 ~~court in the town in which the defendant resides, the statement of the claim shall be filed with the~~
5 ~~clerk of the district court in which district the defendant resides.] If the defendant is not a resident
6 of this state, the claim may be filed in **or transferred to** the **circuit** court of any town or district
7 where the defendant, in person or through an agent: transacts any business; makes a contract with
8 the resident of the town or district; commits a tortious act; or owns, uses or possesses any real or
9 personal property.~~
- 10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.