



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 3255

Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 514

File No. 184

Cal. No. 173

"An Act Concerning Small Claims Cases."

1 In line 1, before "Subsection" insert "Section 1."

2 After line 15, add the following:

3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-15 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

5 (b) The orders and rules for the hearing and determination of small
6 claims shall include provisions for the institution of small claims
7 actions by attorneys-at-law on suitable forms to be served by a proper
8 officer or indifferent person upon the defendant in the same manner as
9 complaints are served in civil actions at least ten days before the small
10 claims session of the court mentioned in such form, and for making
11 [his] such officer's or indifferent person's return thereon at least six
12 days before such session; and may also include, among other
13 provisions, the commencement of actions by an attorney-at-law or
14 other person without writ or requirement of pleading other than a
15 written or oral statement to the clerk; notice by mail; provisions for the
16 early hearing of actions and rules for hearings in accordance with

17 sections 51-193t and 52-549a and for the commencement of such
18 actions without the payment of entry fee or other fee, and the
19 elimination of any and all other fees or costs, except a fee for small
20 claims procedure as prescribed in section 52-259; modification of any
21 or all existing rules of pleading, practice and evidence; a stay of the
22 entry of judgment or of the issuance of execution and an alternative
23 procedure according to the usual rules of practice. Such orders and
24 rules shall permit the institution of a small claims action against a
25 nonresident defendant who owns real or personal property in this
26 state and against an out-of-state corporation. Such orders and rules
27 shall prohibit an attorney-at-law appearing on behalf of any party at
28 such session, except that an attorney-at-law may appear on his or her
29 own behalf."