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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 1322, Title 10 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 CHAPTER 13. THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

4 Subchapter III. Jurisdiction and General Powers.

5 § 1322 Civil jurisdiction; amount in controversy.

6 (a) The Court shall have jurisdiction over all civil actions at law where the matter or thing in controversy,
7 exclusive of interest, does not exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000.

8 (b) The Court shall have unlimited jurisdiction over counterclaims, cross-claims and third-party claims as defined
9 and provided by rule of Court, and any judgment rendered on any such counterclaim, cross-claim or third-party claim
10 which exceeds the sum of ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000 shall be valid in all respects.

11 Section 2. This Act takes effect 90 days after its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act increases the civil jurisdictional limit for the Court of Common Pleas from \$50,000 to \$75,000, as recommended by the Jurisdiction Improvement Committee established by the Delaware Supreme Court Order of November 7, 2017.