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**GUYANA**

**BILL No. 19 of 1993**

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BILL 1993**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the High Court Act.
3. Amendment of the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Act.

## A BILL

## Intituled

AN ACT to amend the High Court Act and the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Act to extend the civil jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts.

A.D. 1993

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Administration of Justice Act 1993.

Amendment of  
to the  
High Court  
Act,  
Cap. 3:02

2. Section 44 of the High Court Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution for the words "one thousand, five hundred" wherever those words appear, of the words "fifty thousand"; and
- (b) by the substitution for the words "1500" in the marginal note, of the words "50,000".

Amendment of  
the Summary  
Jurisdiction  
(Petty Debt)  
Act,  
Cap. 7:01

3. Sections 3 and 4 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Act are hereby amended by the substitution for the words "one thousand, five hundred" wherever those words appear, of the words "fifty thousand".

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the High Court Act, Cap. 3:02, and the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Act, Cap. 7:01.

Presently the civil jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts is limited to one thousand five hundred dollars, in respect of actions for the recovery of any debt or demand for damages or for the recovery of any chattel or thing. The Bill raises the limitation on the civil jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Courts from one thousand, five hundred dollars to fifty thousand dollars.

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