
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 613 by Representative Abramson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 10 through 20 in their entirety and on page 2, delete lines 1 through
3 12 in their entirety and insert the following:

4 "~~(1) A suit where the amount of no individual petitioner's cause of action~~
5 ~~exceeds fifty thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, except as follows: or~~
6 ~~proceeding, including consolidated and class actions, involving:~~

7 ~~(a) Only one petitioner where the amount of the petitioner's cause of action~~
8 ~~does not exceed fifty thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs; or~~

9 ~~(b) Two or more petitioners where:~~

10 ~~(i) No individual petitioner's cause of action exceeds fifty thousand dollars~~
11 ~~exclusive of interest and costs; or~~

12 ~~(ii) The aggregate amount of all petitioners' causes of action does not exceed~~
13 ~~one hundred thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs.~~

14 ~~(a) (c) If an individual petitioner stipulates the petitioner in an action under~~
15 ~~Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph or all of the petitioners in an action under~~
16 ~~Subsubparagraph (b) stipulate or otherwise judicially admits sixty admit:~~

17 ~~(i) Sixty days or more prior to trial that the amount of the individual~~
18 ~~petitioner's cause of action or the aggregate amount of all of the petitioners' causes~~
19 ~~of action does not exceed fifty thousand dollars the applicable monetary limitations~~
20 ~~provided by Subparagraphs (a) or (b) of this Paragraph, exclusive of interest and~~
21 ~~costs, a no defendant shall not be entitled to a trial by jury.~~

22 ~~(b) If an individual petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits for the~~
23 ~~first time less~~

24 ~~(ii) Less than sixty days prior to trial that the amount of the individual~~
25 ~~petitioner's cause of action or the aggregate of all of the petitioners' causes of action~~
26 ~~does not exceed fifty thousand dollars the applicable monetary limitations provided~~
27 ~~by Subsubparagraphs (a) or (b) of this Subparagraph, exclusive of interest and costs,~~
28 ~~any other party a defendant may retain the right to a trial by jury if that party is~~
29 ~~entitled to a trial by jury pursuant to this Article and defendant has otherwise~~
30 ~~complied with the procedural requirements for obtaining a trial by jury.~~

31 ~~(e)(d) Notwithstanding Subsubparagraphs (a) and (b) Subsubparagraph (c)~~
32 ~~of this Subparagraph, if, as a result of a compromise or dismissal of one or more~~
33 ~~claims or parties which occurs less than sixty days prior to trial, an individual~~
34 ~~petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits that the amount of the individual~~
35 ~~petitioner's cause of action does not exceed fifty thousand dollars exclusive of~~
36 ~~interest and costs, a defendant shall not be entitled to a trial by jury the petitioner in~~
37 ~~an action under Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph or all of the petitioners~~
38 ~~under Subsubparagraph (b) of this Subparagraph stipulate or otherwise judicially~~
39 ~~admit that the amount of all of the remaining causes of action do not exceed the~~
40 ~~applicable monetary limitations provided by Subparagraphs (a) or (b) of this~~
41 ~~Paragraph, exclusive of interest and costs, no defendant shall be entitled to a trial by~~
42 ~~jury."~~