

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2328

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By Mr. Eaton of Concord, petition of John M. Eaton, Jr., that district courts be given original and exclusive jurisdiction in civil actions wherein the ad damnum is ten thousand dollars or less. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT DISTRICT COURTS SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION IN ALL CIVIL ACTIONS WHEREIN THE AD DAMNUM IS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 19 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by section one of chapter 616 of the acts of  
3 1954, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first  
4 sentence the following:— District courts shall have exclusive  
5 original jurisdiction of actions wherein the ad damnum of  
6 the writ is ten thousand dollars or less; provided, however,  
7 that either party therein, after trial, may appeal to the su-  
8 perior court for a trial by jury in the facts.

