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This bill replaces the \$65 conciliation court filing fee with a graduated fee schedule based on the amount in controversy. It retains the \$65 fee as the minimum fee for claims involving less than \$5,000. The fees are blank for claims involving between \$5,001 and \$10,000 and between \$10,001 and \$15,000.

Background:

Currently, the conciliation court has jurisdiction to hear civil claims if the amount of money or property does not exceed: (1) \$10,000; (2) \$4,000 for consumer credit transactions; or (3) \$15,000 for civil forfeiture actions. On August 1, 2014, the conciliation court's jurisdiction will increase to a maximum of \$15,000 for all claims, except consumer credit transactions which will remain at \$4,000.