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## Bill Summary

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This bill allows a county's conciliation court to have jurisdiction over claims by that county to recover debts owed to the county for fees, services, or overpayments, even when the defendant is not a resident. The current law only allows for actions where the defendant resides except in specific circumstances outlined in statute, including student loans, debts related to rental property, and dishonored checks. This would add an additional exception to that list for debts owed to the county.