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Overview

This act 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 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, and this act has added an additional exception to that list for debts owed to the county. The law requires the county to provide notice of the overdue debt and the fact that the debt can be collected through the conciliation court in that county to be sent by first class mail. This law would not allow public assistance overpayment to be included in the debts collected.