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An Act to make provision for the establishment, jurisdiction and powers of Small Claims Tribunals and the appointment, powers and

duties of tribunal magistrates in such tribunals and the administration of justice therein.

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[15 January 1985]

## PART 1

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Small Claims Tribunals Act 1984.

#### **Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
  - “claim” means a claim lodged with a tribunal under section 15;
  - “claimant” means a person who lodges a claim with a tribunal and includes any person who becomes a party to the proceedings on any claim in the capacity of a claimant;
  - “Community Mediation Centre” means a Community Mediation Centre established under section 3 of the Community Mediation Centres Act 1997;
  - “court” means any court of competent jurisdiction in Singapore;
  - “court-appointed mediator” means an individual who is appointed by the Presiding Judge of the State Courts to be a mediator for the purposes of this Act;
  - “party” means a claimant or respondent and any person joined as a third party;
  - “prescribed extended limit” means \$30,000 or such other sum as the Minister may, after consultation with the Chief Justice, prescribe by order in the *Gazette*;
  - “prescribed limit” means \$20,000 or such other sum as the Minister may, after consultation with the Chief Justice, prescribe by order in the *Gazette*;