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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H.R. 1102

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 13, 1993

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

To make permanent chapter 44 of title 28, United States Code, relating to arbitration.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Court Arbitration Au-  
5        thorization Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF REPEAL.**

2 Section 906 of the Judicial Improvements and Access  
3 to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 651 note), and the item relating  
4 to such section in the table of contents contained in section  
5 3 of such Act, are repealed.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 905 of the Judicial Improvements and Access  
8 to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 651 note) is amended—

9 (1) in the first sentence by striking “for the fis-  
10 cal year” and all that follows through “4 fiscal  
11 years,”; and

12 (2) in the third sentence by striking “, except  
13 that” and all that follows through “this Act”.

14 **SEC. 4. ARBITRATION TO BE ORDERED IN ALL DISTRICT**  
15 **COURTS.**

16 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ARBITRATION.—Section  
17 651(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Each United States district court  
20 shall authorize by local rule the use of arbitration in civil  
21 actions, including adversary proceedings in bankruptcy, in  
22 accordance with this chapter.”.

23 (b) ACTIONS REFERRED TO ARBITRATION.—Section  
24 652(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
2 (A) by striking “and section 901(c)” and all  
3 that follows through “651” and inserting “a  
4 district court”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking  
6 “\$100,000” and inserting “\$150,000”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “\$100,000”  
8 and inserting “\$150,000”.

9 (c) CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATORS.—Section  
10 656(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by  
11 striking “listed in section 658”.

12 (d) REMOVAL OF LIMITATION.—Section 658 of title  
13 28, United States Code, and the item relating to such sec-  
14 tion in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter  
15 44 of title 28, United States Code, are repealed.

16 **SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

17 Section 901 of the Judicial Improvements and Access  
18 to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 652 note) is amended by strik-  
19 ing subsection (c).

Passed the House of Representatives October 12,  
1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,  
*Clerk.*