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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1673**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED MAY 2, 1974

By Assemblymen HAMILTON, PATERO, DEVERIN,  
BORNHEIMER and KLEIN

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning county district courts and supplementing  
chapter 6 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. In any action brought in any county district court in this State  
2 against any defendant or defendants upon whom summons cannot  
3 be served within the county, wherein the matter in dispute is the  
4 return of all or part of a security deposit pursuant to N. J. S.  
5 2A:6-43, and where said security deposit was given in connection  
6 with the lease of real property located within the county, the  
7 summons and complaint may be served in any other county of this  
8 State upon such defendant or defendants by any officer authorized  
9 to serve a summons issuing out of the county district court of that  
10 county. Service of such summons and complaint by such officer  
11 shall be as effectual to bring said defendant or defendants into  
12 court as though the same were served within the county in which  
13 the county district court issuing such summons is located.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**STATEMENT**

Under present law, service of process of all district court actions must be made on one defendant in the county where the suit is instituted.

In actions for the return of security deposits where the landlord is an individual, rather than a corporation, residing outside the county where the property is located, there is an unfair burden placed on the tenant seeking return of the security deposit.

This bill would permit suit to be commenced in the county where the property is located with service of process to take place in the county where the landlord resides.