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To amend title 28, United States Code, to adjust thresholds relating to jurisdiction for inflation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Diversity Jurisdiction
5 Inflation Adjustment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS.**

7 Section 1332 of title 28, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “of \$75,000”
10 and inserting “described in subsection (b)”; and

1 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b)(1) The matter in controversy described in this
4 subsection is not less than \$150,000, as adjusted under
5 paragraph (2), exclusive of interest and costs.

6 “(2)(A) In this paragraph—

7 “(i) the term ‘appropriate year’ means the cal-
8 endar year preceding the calendar year in which the
9 adjustment under paragraph (1) is to take effect;
10 and

11 “(ii) the term ‘Consumer Price Index’ means
12 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
13 published by the Department of Labor.

14 “(B) Effective on January 1, 2030, and January 1
15 of each tenth year thereafter, the dollar amount then in
16 effect as the minimum amount in controversy applicable
17 under paragraph (1) shall be adjusted by an amount,
18 rounded to the nearest \$25,000 (or, if midway between
19 multiples, to the next higher multiple of \$25,000) which
20 reflects the change in the Consumer Price Index for the
21 month of September of the appropriate year, over the Con-
22 sumer Price Index for—

23 “(i) in the case of the initial adjustment, the
24 month of September 2025; and

1 “(ii) in the case of each subsequent adjustment,
2 September of the year preceding the last adjust-
3 ment.

4 “(C) The Director of the Administrative Office of the
5 United States Courts shall determine the amount of each
6 adjustment under paragraph (1) and, not later than No-
7 vember 15 of the appropriate year, shall submit for publi-
8 cation in the Federal Register the amount (and the per-
9 centage change in the Consumer Price Index that is the
10 basis for the amount) and the new minimum amount in
11 controversy to take effect on January 1 of the succeeding
12 calendar year.

13 “(3) Except when express provision therefor is other-
14 wise made in a statute of the United States, where the
15 plaintiff who files the case originally in the Federal courts
16 is finally adjudged to be entitled to recover less than the
17 sum or value required under paragraph (1) without regard
18 to any setoff or counterclaim to which the defendant may
19 be adjudged to be entitled, and exclusive of interest and
20 costs, the district court may deny costs to the plaintiff
21 and, in addition, may impose costs on the plaintiff.”.

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