

## CHAPTER 488A

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Subd. 4a. **Jurisdiction.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 2 or 8 or any court rule to the contrary, the municipal court of Hennepin county has jurisdiction to determine an action brought pursuant to section 504B.178 for the recovery of a deposit on rental property located in Hennepin county, and the summons in the action may be served anywhere in the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 5. **Forcible entry and unlawful detainer or unlawful removal or exclusion.** Whether or not the title to real estate is involved, the court has jurisdiction of actions of forcible entry and unlawful detainer or actions for unlawful removal or exclusion pursuant to section 504B.375, involving land located wholly or in part within Hennepin county and, notwithstanding any provision of subdivision 7 to the contrary, of actions seeking relief for code violations pursuant to sections 504B.185 and 504B.381 to 504B.471 involving premises located wholly or partly within Hennepin county.

*[For text of subs 6 to 15, see M.S.1998]***History:** 1999 c 199 art 2 s 23,24**488A.11 FORCIBLE ENTRY AND UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Return days.** Return days for forcible entry and unlawful detainer actions may be fixed by rule promulgated by a majority of the judges.

Subd. 2. **Procedure; forms.** Sections 504B.281 to 504B.371 apply to the court. The forms therein prescribed, with appropriate modifications, may be used.

Subd. 3. **Default judgments.** Whenever a duly verified complaint in an action of forcible entry or unlawful detainer shows one of the causes of action set forth in section 504B.285 and on the return day of the summons the defendant does not appear, the judge, upon proof of the due service of the summons, shall enter an order adjudging the defendant to be in default, and thereafter the court administrator shall enter judgment for the plaintiff without the introduction of evidence.

**History:** 1999 c 199 art 2 s 25**488A.18 ESTABLISHMENT; JURISDICTION; POWERS; APPEALS.***[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 4. **Civil jurisdiction.** (a) Excepting cases involving title to real estate, the court has jurisdiction to hear, try and determine civil actions at law in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$15,000, exclusive of interest and costs. The territorial jurisdiction of the court is coextensive with the geographic boundaries of the county of Ramsey.

(b) The court also has jurisdiction, within the limitations provided in this subdivision, to hear, try and determine civil actions commenced by a plaintiff, resident of Ramsey county, where the action arose out of alleged negligent operation of a motor vehicle in Ramsey county, notwithstanding that the defendant or defendants are not residents of the county. Notwithstanding any law or rule of civil procedure to the contrary, the summons in the action may be served anywhere within the state of Minnesota.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) or any rule of court to the contrary, the municipal court of Ramsey county has jurisdiction to determine an action brought pursuant to section 504B.178 for the recovery of a deposit on rental property located in whole or in part in Ramsey county, and the summons in the action may be served anywhere within the state of Minnesota.

**Subd. 6. Forcible entry and unlawful detainer or unlawful removal or exclusion.** Whether or not the title to real estate is involved, the court has jurisdiction of actions of forcible entry and unlawful detainer or actions for unlawful removal or exclusion pursuant to section 504B.375, involving land located wholly or in part within Ramsey county and, notwithstanding any provision of subdivision 8 to the contrary, of actions seeking relief for code violations pursuant to sections 504B.185 and 504B.381 to 504B.471 involving premises located wholly or partly within Ramsey county.

*[For text of subs 7 to 15, see M.S.1998]*

**History:** 1999 c 199 art 2 s 26,27