

CHAPTER 338

AN ACT concerning "The New Jersey Alternative Procedure for Dispute Resolution Act" and amending P.L.1987, c.54.

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

1. Section 19 of P.L.1987, c.54 (C.2A:23A-19) is amended to read as follows:

C.2A:23A-19 Superior Court jurisdiction of proceedings.

19. Whenever a party to an agreement for alternative resolution has the right to apply to the Superior Court under this act, those proceedings shall be heard in accordance with any rules adopted by the New Jersey Supreme Court. These proceedings shall be summary in nature and expedited. This act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial purpose of allowing parties by agreement to have resolution of factual and legal issues in accordance with informal proceedings and limited judicial review in an expedited manner.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 12, 2006.