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Arbitration and Jurisdiction reform

There is a growing tendency wherein large corporations do business in many states of the union but have established legal policies using consumer agreements demanding that any legal action brought against them must originate and be prosecuted in the state where the Corporation is headquartered. This effectively make it impossible for the average citizen to initiate a legal action against these companies in spite of the fact that many of these companies have legal representation in many regions in the country. While settled case law has recognizes minimal contact since “International Shoe”, and Tennessee has a fairly effective long arm statute, these companies have consumer agreements that override this long held legal doctrine.

Additionally, many corporations now have mandatory or deceptive arbitration agreements that limit a consumer's rights and force them into arbitration.

Legislative reform is needed to protect consumers from the overbearing power of these corporate predators.

Therefore, legislation must be passed that allows for consumers to bring a case to court in the jurisdiction into which the product is delivered.