

Lebanese Republic

Chamber of Deputies

Law No. 154 of 17/08/2011

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**Law On the Expedited Ruling on Civil and Commercial Cases Valued at or
Below**

An Amount Equivalent to Thirty Times the Minimum Wage

Article 1:

A new Chapter 11 *bis*, entitled "Abridged Procedures", containing Articles 500 *bis* (1) to 500 *bis* (9), the text of which follows, shall be added after Chapter 11 "Trial Procedures and Regulation" of Section IV "Trials" of the Code of Civil Procedure

Chapter 11 *bis*

Abridged Procedures

"Article 500 *bis* (1):

The cases set out in Article 86(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure issued under Legislative Decree No. 90 of 16/09/1983 where the value does not exceed an amount equivalent to thirty times the minimum wage, based on the original amount stated in the case petition, shall be subject to the abridged procedures.

Article 500 *bis* (2):

In accordance with all other provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure that are not in conflict with the provisions of this Law, the plaintiff shall present their case based on the abridged procedures provided in this Chapter, and shall state their claims in the body of their memorandum with all documents in their possession attached.

Article 500 bis (3):

The defendant must submit their response to the case within a period not more than a week from the notification date and may not submit any response after this period. The judge may only grant the defendant an additional period or accept a response from the defendant after this period pursuant to a reasoned decision with substantial grounds, provided that the additional period not exceed five days.

Article 500 bis (4):

Upon conclusion of the period stated in the previous Article, the judge shall examine the documents and issue a ruling based on the information contained therein, within a period not more than two weeks from said date.

Article 500 bis (5):

If a judge deems it necessary to question the parties, hear witnesses, or utilize technical expertise, the judge must immediately undertake the suitable measure and state in their decision a period not exceeding a week to implement the procedure.

Article 500 bis (6):

Both parties have the right to suspend the questioning, testimony, or expertise within a period of three days from the notification date.

Article 500 bis (7):

After the conclusion of this three-day period, the judge must give a final ruling on the case within a period not more than one week.

Article 500 bis (8):

The judge's ruling shall be enforceable with immediate effect as a matter of law. Appeals may be filed within a period of fifteen days from the notification date.

Article 500 bis (9):

In the event that the ruling is appealed before the Court of Appeals, such court shall abide by the same abridged procedures set out in this Chapter, and may not rule to suspend enforcement unless it is shown that there are new grounds justifying such.

Decisions issued by the Court of Appeals may not be appealed in any way.

Article 2:

This Law shall come into effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette.