

523H.3 Jurisdiction and nonjudicial resolution of disputes.

1. A provision in a franchise agreement restricting jurisdiction to a forum outside this state is void with respect to a claim otherwise enforceable under this chapter.

2. A civil action or proceeding arising out of a franchise may be commenced wherever jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter exists, even if the agreement limits actions or proceedings to a designated jurisdiction.

3. Parties to a franchise may agree to independent arbitration, mediation, or other nonjudicial resolution of an existing or future dispute.

4. Venue for a civil action commenced under this chapter shall be determined in accordance with chapter 616.

92 Acts, ch 1134, §3