

SENATE FILE NO. SF0015

Court jurisdiction.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to court jurisdiction; increasing circuit
2 court jurisdiction as specified; increasing jurisdiction
3 for small claims court; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 5-3-112(a)(iii) and 5-9-128(a)(i)
9 through (iii) and (vi)(intro) are amended to read:

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11 **5-3-112. Assignment to circuit court judge.**

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13 (a) A judge of the district court may assign to a
14 circuit court judge any case or proceeding within the
15 jurisdiction of the district court subject only to the
16 following restrictions:

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1 (iii) Consent of each plaintiff and each
2 defendant in a civil action wherein the amount in
3 controversy is ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)~~ fifty
4 thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or greater; and

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6 **5-9-128. Civil jurisdiction.**

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8 (a) Each circuit court has exclusive original civil
9 jurisdiction within the boundaries of the state for:

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11 (i) An action where the prayer for recovery is
12 an amount not exceeding ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~
13 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court
14 costs;

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16 (ii) Actions to recover specific personal
17 property the value of which does not exceed ~~seven thousand~~
18 ~~dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00),
19 exclusive of court costs and shall be prosecuted in
20 accordance with W.S. 1-15-301 through 1-15-306;

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22 (iii) Actions to foreclose or enforce a lien on
23 or security interest in personal property perfected under
24 the Uniform Commercial Code, W.S. 34.1-1-101 through

1 34.1-10-104, when the amount claimed on the lien or
2 security interest does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars~~
3 ~~(\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive
4 of court costs;

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6 (vi) Actions to foreclose and enforce the
7 following statutory liens only, when the amount claimed on
8 the lien does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~
9 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court
10 costs:

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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