

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. 1-21-201, 5-3-112(a)(iii) and
9 5-9-128(a)(i) through (iii) and (vi)(intro) are amended to
10 read:

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12 **1-21-201. Procedure and costs generally; jurisdiction**
13 **extended.**

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15 In the trial of civil cases before any circuit court in
16 which the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, does not
17 exceed ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ seven thousand

1 five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), the procedure and costs
2 are as defined in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205. The
3 department of revenue may consolidate claims for collection
4 of taxes against a single taxpayer into a single case under
5 the procedures in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205 subject to
6 specified dollar limitations.

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8 **5-3-112. Assignment to circuit court judge.**

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

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

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20 **5-9-128. Civil jurisdiction.**

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

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1 (i) An action where the prayer for recovery is
2 an amount not exceeding ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~
3 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court
4 costs;

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

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12 (iii) Actions to foreclose or enforce a lien on
13 or security interest in personal property perfected under
14 the Uniform Commercial Code, W.S. 34.1-1-101 through
15 34.1-10-104, when the amount claimed on the lien or
16 security interest does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars~~
17 ~~(\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive
18 of court costs;

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

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

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