
SENATE BILL 5922

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By Senator Nelson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction of courts; amending RCW 10.14.150
2 and 3.66.020; and adding a new section to chapter 3.66 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.150 and 1987 c 280 s 15 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The ((~~superior~~)) district courts shall have jurisdiction and
7 cognizance of any civil actions and proceedings brought under this
8 chapter. The municipal and district courts shall have jurisdiction and
9 cognizance of any criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and
10 10.14.170.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.66.020 and 1984 c 258 s 41 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 The district court shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of the
14 following civil actions and proceedings:

1 (1) Of an action arising on contract for the recovery of money only
2 in which the sum claimed does not exceed (~~seven thousand five~~
3 ~~hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars;

4 (2) Of an action for damages for injuries to the person, or for
5 taking or detaining personal property, or for injuring personal
6 property, or for an injury to real property when no issue raised by the
7 answer involves the plaintiff's title to or possession of the same,
8 when the amount of damages claimed does not exceed (~~seven thousand~~
9 ~~five hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars; also of actions to recover
10 the possession of personal property when the value of such property as
11 alleged in the complaint, does not exceed (~~seven thousand five~~
12 ~~hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars;

13 (3) Of an action for a penalty not exceeding (~~seven thousand five~~
14 ~~hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars;

15 (4) Of an action upon a bond conditioned for the payment of money,
16 when the amount claimed does not exceed (~~seven thousand five hundred~~)
17 twenty-five thousand dollars, though the penalty of the bond exceeds
18 that sum, the judgment to be given for the sum actually due, not
19 exceeding the amount claimed in the complaint;

20 (5) Of an action on an undertaking or surety bond taken by the
21 court, when the amount claimed does not exceed (~~seven thousand five~~
22 ~~hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars;

23 (6) Of an action for damages for fraud in the sale, purchase, or
24 exchange of personal property, when the damages claimed do not exceed
25 (~~seven thousand five hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars;

26 (7) To take and enter judgment on confession of a defendant, when
27 the amount of the judgment confessed does not exceed (~~seven thousand~~
28 ~~five hundred~~) twenty-five thousand dollars;

1 (8) To issue writs of attachment, garnishment and replevin upon
2 goods, chattels, moneys, and effects, when the amount does not exceed
3 ~~((seven thousand five hundred))~~ twenty-five thousand dollars; and

4 (9) Of all other actions and proceedings of which jurisdiction is
5 specially conferred by statute, when the amount involved does not
6 exceed ~~((seven thousand five hundred))~~ twenty-five thousand dollars and
7 the title to, or right of possession of, or a lien upon real property
8 is not involved.

9 ~~((The seven thousand five hundred dollar amounts provided in
10 subsections (1) through (9) of this section shall remain in effect
11 until June 30, 1985; effective July 1, 1985, such amount shall be
12 increased to ten thousand dollars.))~~

13 The amounts of money referred to in this section shall be exclusive
14 of interest, costs and attorney's fees.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 3.66 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of any
18 proceeding involving name changes.