
HOUSE BILL 2434

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1 AN ACT Relating to civil jurisdiction of district courts; and
2 amending RCW 3.66.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.66.020 and 1997 c 246 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Regardless of the value of the claim or the amount at issue,
7 the district court shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of civil
8 actions and proceedings for damages for injuries to the person, or for
9 taking or detaining personal property, or for injuring personal
10 property, or for injuring real property when no issue raised by the
11 answer involves the plaintiff's title to or possession of the same, or
12 for recovering possession of personal property. An appeal from a
13 decision of the district court in an action or proceeding under this
14 subsection shall be to the court of appeals pursuant to court rules.

15 (2) If the value of the claim or the amount at issue does not
16 exceed thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and
17 attorneys' fees, the district court shall have jurisdiction and
18 cognizance of the following civil actions and proceedings:

19 ~~((1))~~ (a) Actions arising on contract for the recovery of money;

1 ~~((2))~~ Actions for damages for injuries to the person, or for taking
2 or detaining personal property, or for injuring personal property, or
3 for an injury to real property when no issue raised by the answer
4 involves the plaintiff's title to or possession of the same and actions
5 to recover the possession of personal property;
6 ~~(3))~~ (b) Actions for a penalty;
7 ~~((4))~~ (c) Actions upon a bond conditioned for the payment of
8 money, when the amount claimed does not exceed thirty-five thousand
9 dollars, though the penalty of the bond exceeds that sum, the judgment
10 to be given for the sum actually due, not exceeding the amount claimed
11 in the complaint;
12 ~~((5))~~ (d) Actions on an undertaking or surety bond taken by the
13 court;
14 ~~((6))~~ (e) Actions for damages for fraud in the sale, purchase, or
15 exchange of personal property;
16 ~~((7))~~ (f) Proceedings to take and enter judgment on confession of
17 a defendant;
18 ~~((8))~~ (g) Proceedings to issue writs of attachment, garnishment
19 and replevin upon goods, chattels, moneys, and effects; and
20 ~~((9))~~ (h) All other actions and proceedings of which jurisdiction
21 is specially conferred by statute, when the title to, or right of
22 possession of real property is not involved.

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