

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2801**

**State of Washington                      57th Legislature                      2002 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander and DeBolt)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the venue of court actions filed against the  
2 state; and amending RCW 4.92.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.92.010 and 1986 c 126 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Any person or corporation having any claim against the state of  
7 Washington shall have a right of action against the state in the  
8 superior court.

9            The venue for such actions shall be as follows:

10           (1) The county of the residence or principal place of business of  
11 one or more of the plaintiffs;

12           (2) The county where the cause of action arose;

13           (3) The county in which the real property that is the subject of  
14 the action is situated; or

15           (4) The county where the action may be properly commenced by reason  
16 of the joinder of an additional defendant(~~(i~~~~or~~

17           ~~(5) Thurston county)).~~

1        Actions shall be subject to change of venue in accordance with  
2 statute, rules of court, and the common law as the same now exist or  
3 may hereafter be amended, adopted, or altered.

4        Actions shall be tried in the county in which they have been  
5 commenced in the absence of a seasonable motion by or in behalf of the  
6 state to change the venue of the action.

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