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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(~~(+or~~

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

18 Actions shall be subject to change of venue in accordance with

1 statute, rules of court, and the common law as the same now exist or
2 may hereafter be amended, adopted, or altered.

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

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