

SENATE FILE NO. SF0142

Courts-jurisdictional limits.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ross, Burns and Nicholas and Representative(s) Buchanan and Simpson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts; providing jurisdictional limits
2 for specified civil actions; and providing for an effective
3 date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-21-201, 5-9-128(a)(i) through (iii)
8 and (vi)(intro) and 5-9-208(c)(x) are amended to read:

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10 **1-21-201. Procedure and costs generally; jurisdiction**
11 **extended.**

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13 In the trial of civil cases before any circuit court in
14 which the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, does not
15 exceed ~~three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)~~ five thousand
16 dollars (\$5,000.00), the procedure and costs are as defined

1 in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205. The department of
2 revenue may consolidate claims for collection of taxes
3 against a single taxpayer into a single case under the
4 procedures in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205 subject to
5 specified dollar limitations.

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7 **5-9-128. Civil jurisdiction.**

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

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12 (i) An action where the prayer for recovery is
13 an amount not exceeding ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~
14 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), exclusive of court
15 costs;

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17 (ii) Actions to recover specific personal
18 property the value of which does not exceed ~~seven thousand~~
19 ~~dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00),
20 exclusive of court costs and shall be prosecuted in
21 accordance with W.S. 1-15-301 through 1-15-306;

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23 (iii) Actions to foreclose or enforce a lien on
24 or security interest in personal property perfected under

1 the Uniform Commercial Code, W.S. 34.1-1-101 through
2 34.1-10-104, when the amount claimed on the lien or
3 security interest does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars~~
4 ~~(\$7,000.00)~~ fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00),
5 exclusive of court costs;

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7 (vi) Actions to foreclose and enforce the
8 following statutory liens only, when the amount claimed on
9 the lien does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~
10 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) exclusive of court
11 costs;

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13 **5-9-208. Full-time magistrates; powers of magistrates**
14 **who are authorized to practice law; powers of magistrates**
15 **who are not authorized to practice law.**

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17 (c) At the direction of the circuit court judges of a
18 circuit court, a full-time magistrate of the circuit court
19 who is not authorized to practice law in Wyoming may within
20 the county from which appointed:

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22 (x) Try all civil actions where the amount in
23 controversy, exclusive of costs, does not exceed ~~three~~

1 ~~thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)~~ five thousand dollars

2 (\$5,000.00);

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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