

ENROLLED ACT NO. 87, SENATE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to court jurisdiction; increasing circuit court jurisdiction as specified; increasing jurisdiction for small claims court; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-21-201, 5-3-112(a)(iii) and 5-9-128(a)(i) through (iii) and (vi)(intro) are amended to read:

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

In the trial of civil cases before any circuit court in which the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, does not exceed ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), the procedure and costs are as defined in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205. The department of revenue may consolidate claims for collection of taxes against a single taxpayer into a single case under the procedures in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205 subject to specified dollar limitations.

5-3-112. Assignment to circuit court judge.

(a) A judge of the district court may assign to a circuit court judge any case or proceeding within the jurisdiction of the district court subject only to the following restrictions:

(iii) Consent of each plaintiff and each defendant in a civil action wherein the amount in controversy is ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or greater; and

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5-9-128. Civil jurisdiction.

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

(i) An action where the prayer for recovery is an amount not exceeding ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court costs;

(ii) Actions to recover specific personal property the value of which does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court costs and shall be prosecuted in accordance with W.S. 1-15-301 through 1-15-306;

(iii) Actions to foreclose or enforce a lien on or security interest in personal property perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code, W.S. 34.1-1-101 through 34.1-10-104, when the amount claimed on the lien or security interest does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court costs;

(vi) Actions to foreclose and enforce the following statutory liens only, when the amount claimed on the lien does not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of court costs:

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2011.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk