

House Engrossed Senate Bill
small claims court; jurisdictional limit

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SENATE BILL 1022

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 22-503, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE SMALL
CLAIMS DIVISION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 22-503, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 22-503. Jurisdiction; exceptions

5 A. The small claims division has concurrent original jurisdiction
6 with the justice court in all civil actions in which the debt, damage,
7 tort, injury or value of the personal property claims either by the
8 plaintiff or defendant does not exceed ~~three thousand five hundred dollars~~
9 \$5,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and in actions in which a party
10 seeks to disaffirm, avoid or rescind a contract, or seeks equitable
11 relief, and the amount at issue does not exceed ~~three thousand five~~
12 ~~hundred dollars~~ \$5,000.

13 B. The small claims division does not have jurisdiction over the
14 following:

15 1. Those matters excluded from justice court jurisdiction as
16 provided in section 22-201.

17 2. Actions involving claims of defamation by libel or slander.

18 3. Actions in forcible entry, forcible detainer or unlawful
19 detainer.

20 4. Actions for specific performance.

21 5. Actions brought or defended on behalf of a class.

22 6. Actions requesting or involving prejudgment remedies.

23 7. Actions involving injunctive relief.

24 8. Traffic violations and other criminal matters.

25 9. Actions against this state, its political subdivisions or an
26 officer or employee of the state or its political subdivisions in his
27 official capacity.