

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1144**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved April 17, 2007, 9:12 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1144** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Warnick, Rodne, Campbell, O'Brien, Lantz, Goodman and Moeller)

READ FIRST TIME 01/25/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction over judgments; and amending RCW  
2    3.66.020, 3.66.040, 3.62.060, and 12.04.130.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.66.020 and 2003 c 27 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5    follows:

6            If the value of the claim or the amount at issue does not exceed  
7    fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorneys'  
8    fees, the district court shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of the  
9    following civil actions and proceedings:

- 10            (1) Actions arising on contract for the recovery of money;
- 11            (2) Actions for damages for injuries to the person, or for taking  
12    or detaining personal property, or for injuring personal property, or  
13    for an injury to real property when no issue raised by the answer  
14    involves the plaintiff's title to or possession of the same and actions  
15    to recover the possession of personal property;
- 16            (3) Actions for a penalty;
- 17            (4) Actions upon a bond conditioned for the payment of money, when  
18    the amount claimed does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, though the

- 1 penalty of the bond exceeds that sum, the judgment to be given for the  
2 sum actually due, not exceeding the amount claimed in the complaint;
- 3 (5) Actions on an undertaking or surety bond taken by the court;
- 4 (6) Actions for damages for fraud in the sale, purchase, or  
5 exchange of personal property;
- 6 (7) Proceedings to take and enter judgment on confession of a  
7 defendant;
- 8 (8) Proceedings to issue writs of attachment, garnishment and  
9 replevin upon goods, chattels, moneys, and effects;
- 10 (9) ~~((All other actions and proceedings of which jurisdiction is  
11 specially conferred by statute, when the title to, or right of  
12 possession of real property is not involved; and  
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- 14 (10) Proceedings to civilly enforce any money judgment entered in  
15 any municipal court or municipal department of a district court  
16 organized under the laws of this state; and
- 17 (11) All other actions and proceedings of which jurisdiction is  
18 specially conferred by statute, when the title to, or right of  
19 possession of, real property is not involved.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.66.040 and 2003 c 27 s 2 are each amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 (1) An action arising under RCW 3.66.020 (1), (4), (6), (7), and  
23 ~~((9))~~ (11) may be brought in any district in which the defendant, or,  
24 if there be more than one defendant, where some one of the defendants,  
25 resides at the time the complaint is filed or in which the defendant,  
26 or if there be more than one defendant, where some one of the  
27 defendants may be served with the notice and complaint in which latter  
28 case, however, the district where the defendant or defendants is or are  
29 served must be within the county in which the defendant or defendants  
30 reside. If the residence of the defendant is not ascertained by  
31 reasonable efforts, the action may be brought in the district in which  
32 the defendant's place of actual physical employment is located.

33 (2) An action arising under RCW 3.66.020(2) for the recovery of  
34 possession of personal property and RCW 3.66.020(8) shall be brought in  
35 the district in which the subject matter of the action or some part  
36 thereof is situated.

1 (3) An action arising under RCW 3.66.020 (3) and (5) shall be  
2 brought in the district in which the cause of action, or some part  
3 thereof arose.

4 (4) An action arising under RCW 3.66.020(2) for the recovery of  
5 damages for injuries to the person or for injury to personal property  
6 may be brought, at the plaintiff's option, either in the district in  
7 which the cause of action, or some part thereof, arose, or in the  
8 district in which the defendant, or, if there be more than one  
9 defendant, where some one of the defendants, resides at the time the  
10 complaint is filed.

11 (5) A proceeding under RCW 3.66.020(10) may be brought in the  
12 district within which the municipal court or municipal department is  
13 located.

14 (6) An action against a nonresident of this state, including an  
15 action arising under the provisions of chapter 19.190 RCW, may be  
16 brought in any district where service of process may be had, or in  
17 which the cause of action or some part thereof arose, or in which the  
18 plaintiff or one of them resides.

19 ((+6)) (7) An action upon the unlawful issuance of a check or  
20 draft may be brought in any district in which the defendant resides or  
21 may be brought in any district in which the check was issued or  
22 presented as payment.

23 ((+7)) (8) For the purposes of chapters 3.30 through 3.74 RCW, the  
24 residence of a corporation defendant shall be deemed to be in any  
25 district where the corporation transacts business or has an office for  
26 the transaction of business or transacted business at the time the  
27 cause of action arose or where any person resides upon whom process may  
28 be served upon the corporation, unless herein otherwise provided.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 3.62.060 and 2005 c 457 s 9 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 Clerks of the district courts shall collect the following fees for  
32 their official services:

33 (1) In any civil action commenced before or transferred to a  
34 district court, the plaintiff shall, at the time of such commencement  
35 or transfer, pay to such court a filing fee of forty-three dollars plus  
36 any surcharge authorized by RCW 7.75.035. Any party filing a  
37 counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim in such action shall

1 pay to the court a filing fee of forty-three dollars plus any surcharge  
2 authorized by RCW 7.75.035. No party shall be compelled to pay to the  
3 court any other fees or charges up to and including the rendition of  
4 judgment in the action other than those listed.

5 (2) For issuing a writ of garnishment or other writ, or for filing  
6 an attorney issued writ of garnishment, a fee of twelve dollars.

7 (3) For filing a supplemental proceeding a fee of twenty dollars.

8 (4) For demanding a jury in a civil case a fee of one hundred  
9 twenty-five dollars to be paid by the person demanding a jury.

10 (5) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of twenty  
11 dollars.

12 (6) For certifying any document on file or of record in the clerk's  
13 office a fee of five dollars.

14 (7) For preparing the record of a case for appeal to superior court  
15 a fee of forty dollars including any costs of tape duplication as  
16 governed by the rules of appeal for courts of limited jurisdiction  
17 (RALJ).

18 (8) For duplication of part or all of the electronic recording of  
19 a proceeding ten dollars per tape or other electronic storage medium.

20 (9) For filing any abstract of judgment or transcript of judgment  
21 from a municipal court or municipal department of a district court  
22 organized under the laws of this state a fee of forty-three dollars.

23 The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed as  
24 court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 12.04.130 and Code 1881 s 1723 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 The court shall be deemed to have obtained possession of the case  
28 from the time the complaint or claim is filed, after completion of  
29 service, whether by publication or otherwise, and shall have control of  
30 all subsequent proceedings. In the case of proceedings to civilly  
31 enforce a money judgment entered in a municipal court or municipal  
32 department of a district court organized under the laws of this state,  
33 the court shall have jurisdiction over the proceedings from the time of  
34 filing an abstract or transcript of judgment; upon which filing the  
35 municipal judgment shall be recognized as a judgment of the court,

1 provided that the court shall not have authority to vacate or amend the  
2 underlying municipal judgment.

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