

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0016

Small claims appearance fee.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to small claims procedures; removing the
2 requirement that an appearance fee be deposited with the
3 court; and providing for an effective 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 and 1-21-202(a) are amended
8 to read:

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

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12 In the trial of civil cases before any circuit court in
13 which the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, does not
14 exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), the procedure ~~and~~
15 ~~costs are~~ is as defined in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205.

16 The department of revenue may consolidate claims for

1 collection of taxes against a single taxpayer into a single
2 case under the procedures in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205
3 subject to specified dollar limitations.

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5 **1-21-202. Commencement of actions; remedy cumulative;**
6 **continuance to obtain attorney; docketing.**

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8 (a) Actions may be commenced, heard and determined
9 under W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205 if the state, any
10 governmental entity, any natural person, corporation,
11 partnership, association or other organization appears
12 before any circuit court and executes an affidavit reciting
13 the full address of the defendant, the nature of the claim,
14 the amount due and stating that demand has been made and
15 payment refused. ~~The plaintiff shall deposit an appearance~~
16 ~~fee of four dollars (\$4.00) which shall be retained by the~~
17 ~~court as costs and taxed to the party against whom judgment~~
18 ~~is rendered.~~ The remedy provided by this article is
19 cumulative and not exclusive.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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