

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 9, 2011

An act to amend and repeal Section 116.221 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to small claims court.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 221, as introduced, Simitian. Small claims court: jurisdiction.

Existing law specifies that the jurisdiction of the small claims court includes various actions in which the demand does not exceed \$7,500, with specified exceptions.

This bill would increase the jurisdiction of the small claims court by increasing that amount to \$10,000. The bill would also make a technical change by deleting a duplicate code section that contains identical provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 116.221 of the Code of Civil Procedure,
- 2 as added by Section 2 of Chapter 600 of the Statutes of 2005, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 116.221. In addition to the jurisdiction conferred by Section
- 5 116.220, the small claims court has jurisdiction in an action brought
- 6 by a natural person, if the amount of the demand does not exceed
- 7 ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500)~~ *ten thousand dollars*
- 8 *(\$10,000)*, except for actions otherwise prohibited by subdivision
- 9 (c) of Section 116.220 or subdivision (a) of Section 116.231.

1 SEC. 2. Section 116.221 of the Code of Civil Procedure, as
2 added by Section 2 of Chapter 618 of the Statutes of 2005, is
3 repealed.

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