

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 9, 2011

An act to amend and repeal Section 116.221 of, *and to add and repeal Section 116.224 of*, the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to small claims court.

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SB 221, as amended, 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, *except as specified*. 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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), except for actions *specified in*

1 *Section 116.224, or otherwise prohibited by subdivision (c) of*
2 *Section 116.220 or subdivision (a) of Section 116.231.*

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5 *repealed.*

6 SEC. 3. *Section 116.224 is added to the Code of Civil*
7 *Procedure, to read:*

8 *116.224. (a) Notwithstanding Section 116.221, the small claims*
9 *court has jurisdiction in an action brought for damages for bodily*
10 *injuries resulting from an automobile accident if the amount of*
11 *the demand does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars*
12 *(\$7,500).*

13 *(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014,*
14 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that*
15 *is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.*