

HOUSE BILL NO. 534

INTRODUCED BY M. YAKAWICH

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE CAP FOR COLLECTIONS RELATED TO ACTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE A CITY COURT; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-11-103, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 3-11-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-11-103. Exclusive jurisdiction. Except as provided in 3-11-104, the city court has exclusive jurisdiction of:

(1) proceedings for the violation of an ordinance of the city or town, both civil and criminal;

(2) when the amount of the taxes or assessments sought does not exceed ~~\$9,500~~ \$25,000,

actions for the collection of taxes or assessments levied for any of the following purposes, except that no lien on the property taxed or assessed for the nonpayment of the taxes or assessments may be foreclosed in any such action:

(a) city or town purposes;

(b) the erection or improvement of public buildings;

(c) the laying out, opening, or improving of a public street, sidewalk, alley, or bridge;

(d) the acquisition or improvement of any public grounds; and

(e) public improvements made or ordered by the city or town within its limits;

(3) actions for the collection of money due to the city or town or from the city or town to any person when the amount sought, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed ~~\$9,500~~ \$25,000;

(4) when the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, does not exceed ~~\$9,500~~ \$25,000, actions for:

(a) the breach of an official bond given by a city or town officer;

(b) the breach of any contract when the city or town is a party or is in any way interested;

(c) damages when the city or town is a party or is in any way interested;

(d) the enforcement of forfeited recognizances given to, for the benefit of, or on behalf of the city or

1 town; and

2 (e) collection on bonds given upon an appeal taken from the judgment of the court in any action

3 mentioned in subsections (4)(a) through (4)(d);

4 (5) actions for the recovery of personal property belonging to the city or town when the value of the

5 property, exclusive of the damages for the taking or detention, does not exceed \$9,500; and

6 (6) actions for the collection of a license fee required by an ordinance of the city or town."

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