

A Bill for an Act Relating to Jury Trial in Civil Matters (Constitutional Amendments of Article I, Section 13).

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this bill is to implement Article I of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii as amended by the Hawaii Constitutional Convention of 1978 and pertaining to jury trial in civil matters.

SECTION 2. Section 604-5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“(b) The district courts shall try and determine all actions without a jury, subject to appeal according to law. Whenever a civil matter is triable of right by a jury and trial by jury is demanded in the manner and within the time provided by the rules of court, the case shall be transferred to the circuit court. If the demand is made in the complaint and the matter is triable of right by a jury, the action may be commenced in the circuit court if the amount in controversy exceeds \$1000.”

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.*

(Approved May 19, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.