

A Bill for an Act Relating to District Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 604-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Except as otherwise provided, the district courts shall have jurisdiction in all civil actions, where the debt, amount, or damages, or the value of the property claimed, does not exceed [~~\$5,000,~~] \$10,000, except in civil actions involving summary possession or ejectment, in which case, the district court shall have jurisdiction over any counterclaim otherwise properly brought before the district court by any defendant in such summary possession or ejectment action if [said] the counterclaim arises out of and refers to the land or premises, the possession of which is being sought, regardless of the value of the debt, amount, damages, or property claim contained in the counterclaim. Attorney’s commissions or fees, including those stipulated in any note or contract sued on, interest, and costs, shall not be included in computing the jurisdictional amount. Subject to subsections (b) and (c), jurisdiction under this subsection shall be exclusive when the amount in controversy, so computed, does not exceed [~~\$1000.]~~ \$5,000.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

SECTION 4. The substantive provisions of this Act shall amend any other conflicting Act enacted by the regular session of 1983, but nonsubstantive amendments made by this Act shall not supersede any substantive amendments made to section 604-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by any other Act enacted by this regular session of 1983.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 9, 1983.)