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Short Title: Increase Small Claims Amount. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hurley and Daughtry (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT FOR SMALL CLAIMS  
3 ACTIONS TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-210 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 7A-210. Small claim action defined.**

7 For purposes of this Article a small claim action is a civil action wherein:

- 8 (1) The amount in controversy, computed in accordance with G.S. 7A-243, does  
9 not exceed ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000);~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);  
10 and  
11 (2) The only principal relief prayed is monetary, or the recovery of specific  
12 personal property, or summary ejectment, or any combination of the  
13 foregoing in properly joined claims; and  
14 (3) The plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate in the manner  
15 provided in this Article.

16 The seeking of the ancillary remedy of claim and delivery or an order from the clerk of  
17 superior court for the relinquishment of property subject to a lien pursuant to G.S. 44A-4(a)  
18 does not prevent an action otherwise qualifying as a small claim under this Article from so  
19 qualifying."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to actions filed  
21 on or after that date.

