

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0097

Chancery court jurisdiction amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Stith, Niemiec, Olsen and Washut and Senator(s) Hicks and Kolb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to civil procedure; amending the
2 jurisdiction for lawsuits related to government contracts
3 filed under the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act to include
4 the chancery court as specified; specifying applicability;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-39-117(a) is amended to read:

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11 **1-39-117. Jurisdiction; appeals; venue; trial by**
12 **jury; liability insurance.**

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14 (a) Original ~~and exclusive~~ jurisdiction for any claim
15 filed in state court under this act shall be in the

1 district courts of Wyoming except that claims or
2 counterclaims in an action based on a contract entered into
3 by a governmental entity may be brought in the chancery
4 court if the contract provides that the chancery court
5 shall be the venue for disputes arising under the contract
6 and the claim or counterclaim is otherwise within the
7 jurisdiction of the chancery court. Appeals may be taken as
8 provided by law.

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10 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to lawsuits filed on
11 and after the effective date of this act.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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