

**ACT 99**

An Act Relating to the Civil Jurisdiction of District Courts in the State of Hawaii and Further Amending Section 216-4 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 216-4 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 216-4. Civil jurisdiction.** The district courts shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all civil actions, except as otherwise provided, where the debt, amount or damages, or the value of property claimed, does not exceed \$50. Except as aforesaid, such courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction in all civil actions, where the debt, amount or damages, or the value of the property claimed, does not exceed \$2,000; and shall have original jurisdiction in all statutory proceedings as conferred by law upon district courts, to try and determine the same, subject to appeal according to law; provided that attorney's commissions or fees, including those stipulated in any note or contract sued on, interest and cost, shall not be included in computing the jurisdictional amount. Such courts shall not have cognizance of real actions, nor actions in which the title to real estate comes in question, nor actions for libel, slander, defamation of character, malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, breach of promise of marriage or seduction, nor of any civil matter required by law to be tried by a jury; nor shall they have power to appoint referees in any cause."

SECTION 2. Any provision of law inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act is hereby amended and repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

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

(Approved May 29, 1963.) **S.B. 361.**

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