
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2295

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By House Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Griffey, Irwin, and Wylie)

1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement of small claims court judgments;
2 and amending RCW 12.40.105.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 12.40.105 and 2019 c 251 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Upon the judge's entry of judgment in a small claims action,
7 the judgment is certified as a district court civil judgment and
8 shall be increased by: (a) The amount specified in RCW 36.18.012(2);
9 (b) any post judgment interest provided for in RCW 4.56.110 and
10 19.52.020; and (c) any other costs incurred by the prevailing party
11 to enforce the judgment, including but not limited to reasonable
12 attorneys' fees, without regard to the jurisdictional limits on the
13 small claims department.

14 (2) The clerk of the small claims department shall enter the
15 civil judgment on the judgment docket of the district court; and,
16 (~~as in other judgments of district courts, once the judgment is~~
17 ~~entered on the district court's docket~~) if the losing party fails to
18 pay the judgment within thirty days after such entry, garnishment,
19 execution, and other process on execution provided by law may issue
20 thereon.

1 (3) A certified copy of the district court judgment shall be
2 provided to the prevailing party for no additional fee.

3 (4) (~~The~~) If the losing party fails to pay the judgment within
4 thirty days after entry of the judgment on the judgment docket of the
5 district court, the prevailing party may file a transcript of the
6 district court civil judgment or a certified copy of the district
7 court judgment with superior courts for entry in the superior courts'
8 lien dockets with like effect as in other cases.

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