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Code of Civil Procedure § 116.220 – Compiled June 2011

Our review of the annotated history reveals the following legislative history (every “c.” below represents a separate legislative bill):

Prior History: - **19 bills** (derived from former §§ 927, 117 and 116.2)

- Former § 927: added 1921, c. 125
- Former § 117: added 1933, c. 743; amended 1943, c. 186; 1949, c. 451; 1951, c. 1737; 1955, c. 168; 1955, c. 1927; 1956, c. 24x; 1957, c. 201; 1961, c. 2022; 1967, c. 195; 1968, c. 503; 1971, c. 572; 1972, c. 1119
- Former § 116.2: added 1976, c. 1289; amended: 1979, c. 964; 1981, c. 957; 1981, c. 958; 1988, c. 481

Current: - **15 bills**

Added: 1990, c. 1305

Amended: 1990, c. 1683; 1991, c. 133; 1991, c. 915; 1992, c. 8; 1992, c. 142; 1993, c. 1262; 1993, c. 1264; 1994, c. 479; 1995, c. 366; 1998, c. 240; 1999, c. 982; 2006, c. 150; 2008, c. 157; 2009, c. 468

As originally enacted in **1921**, former section 927 stated:

927. All justices of the peace shall exercise the jurisdiction conferred by this title and while sitting in the exercise of said jurisdiction shall be known and referred to as the small claims court; *provided*, that the jurisdiction of such justices court, when sitting as a small claims court, shall be confined to cases for the recovery of money only where the amount claimed does not exceed fifty (50) dollars and the defendant named is a resident of the township or city and county in which the action is to be maintained.

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