

CHAPTER 25

Original Senate File No. 8

ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS

AN ACT to amend W.S. 1-17-703 and 1-17-707 relating to the enforcement of foreign judgments; providing that foreign judgments shall be enforced by the district court regardless of the size of the judgment or the court of original jurisdiction if the action had been initiated in this state; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-17-703 and 1-17-707 are amended to read:

1-17-703. Filing of foreign judgment; effect of filing. A copy of any foreign judgment authenticated in accordance with the act of Congress or the statutes of this state may be filed in the office of the clerk of any district court of this state. The clerk shall treat the foreign judgment as a judgment of the district court of this state notwithstanding the amount of the judgment or that the action giving rise to the judgment, if initiated in this state, would be within the jurisdiction of a minor court. A judgment so filed has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, vacating or staying as a judgment of a district court of this state and may be so enforced or satisfied.

1-17-707. Right of action unimpaired. The right of a judgment creditor to bring an action to enforce his judgment in the appropriate court in this state instead of proceeding under this act remains unimpaired.

Section 2. This act is effective June 2, 1980.

Approved March 5, 1980.