

**Opinion No. 12-952**

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**BY:** FRANK W. CLANCY, Attorney General

**TO:** Hon. K. K. Scott, District Attorney, Roswell, N. M.

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**

Jurisdiction of justice of the peace limited to \$ 100.00.

**OPINION**

{\*108} I have just received your letter of the 28th ultimo in which you say you have been requested by R. D. Bell, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2, of Chaves County, to advise him whether he has jurisdiction in cases where the claim does not exceed \$ 200, exclusive of interest, under Sections 1 and 26 of Article VI of the State Constitution. I have the same opinion that you have and am quite clear {\*109} that the effect of the Constitution was not to injure the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace, but merely authorized the legislature, if it sees fit so to do, to increase the jurisdiction from \$ 100 to \$ 200. The existing statute limiting the jurisdiction to \$ 100 is not inconsistent with anything in the Constitution, and therefore continues in force under Section 4 of Article XXII.

I have heretofore given the same opinion as to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.