

SENATE BILL NO. 331
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR TERRIAULT

Introduced: 2/19/02

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the jurisdiction of district courts."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 22.15.030(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The district court has jurisdiction of civil cases, including foreign
5 judgments filed under AS 09.30.200 and arbitration proceedings under AS 09.43.170,
6 as follows:

7 (1) for the recovery of money or damages when the amount claimed
8 exclusive of costs, interest, and attorney fees does not exceed \$50,000 for each
9 defendant;

10 (2) for the recovery of specific personal property, when the value of
11 the property claimed and the damages for the detention do not exceed \$50,000;

12 (3) for the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture, whether given by statute
13 or arising out of contract, not exceeding \$50,000;

14 (4) to give judgment without action upon the confession of the
15 defendant for any of the cases specified in this section, except for a penalty or

1 forfeiture imposed by statute;

2 (5) for establishing the fact of death or cause and manner of death of
3 any person in the manner prescribed in AS 09.55.020 - 09.55.069;

4 (6) for the recovery of the possession of premises in the manner
5 provided under AS 09.45.070 - 09.45.160 when the value of the arrears and damage to
6 the property does not exceed \$50,000;

7 (7) for the foreclosure of a lien when the amount in controversy does
8 not exceed \$50,000;

9 (8) for the recovery of money or damages in motor vehicle tort cases
10 when the amount claimed exclusive of costs, interest, and attorney fees does not
11 exceed \$50,000 **for each defendant**;

12 (9) over civil actions for taking utility service and for damages to or
13 interference with a utility line filed under AS 42.20.030;

14 (10) over cases involving protective orders for domestic violence
15 under AS 18.66.100 - 18.66.180.