

SENATE BILL NO. 331

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR THERRIAULT

Introduced: 2/19/02
Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) to give judgment without action upon the confession of the 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.