



1 the manner provided under AS 09.45.070 - 09.45.160 when the value of  
2 the property or of the arrears and damage to the property does not  
3 exceed \$25,000 [\$10,000];

4 (7) [(9)] for the foreclosure of a lien when the amount in  
5 controversy does not exceed \$25,000 [\$10,000];

6 (8) [(10)] for the recovery of money or damages in motor  
7 vehicle tort cases when the amount claimed exclusive of costs, inter-  
8 est and attorney fees does not exceed \$25,000 [\$15,000];

9 (9) [(11)] over civil actions for taking utility service  
10 and for damages to or interference with a utility line filed under  
11 AS 42.20.030.

12 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.15.120 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 22.15.120. LIMITATIONS ON PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAGISTRATE MAY  
14 HEAR. A magistrate shall preside only in cases and proceedings under  
15 AS 22.15.040, 22.15.100, and 22.15.110, and as follows,

16 (1) for the recovery of money or damages only when the  
17 amount claimed, exclusive of costs, interest, and attorney fees, does  
18 not exceed \$5,000 [\$1,000];

19 (2) for the recovery of specific personal property when the  
20 value of the property claimed and the damages for the detention do not  
21 exceed \$5,000 [\$1,000];

22 (3) for the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture, whether  
23 given by statute or arising out of contract, not exceeding \$5,000  
24 [\$1,000];

25 (4) to give judgment without action upon the confession of  
26 the defendant for any of the cases specified in this section, except  
27 for a penalty or forfeiture imposed by statute;

28 (5) to give judgment of conviction upon a plea of guilty by  
29 the defendant in a criminal proceeding within the jurisdiction of the

1 district court;

2 (6) to hear, try, and enter judgments in all cases involv-  
3 ing misdemeanors, if the defendant consents in writing that the magis-  
4 trate may try the case;

5 (7) to hear, try and enter judgments in all cases involving  
6 infractions under AS 28 and violations of ordinances of political  
7 subdivisions. [;

8 (8) Repealed]

9 \* Sec. 3. AS 34.35.005(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) When an action is required to enforce a lien provided for in  
11 AS 34.35.005 - 34.35.425, the action shall be started in the superior  
12 court in the judicial district in which the property upon which the  
13 lien attaches is located. When an action is required to enforce a  
14 lien provided for in AS 34.35.430 - 34.35.480, the action may be  
15 started in the district court in the judicial district in which the  
16 property upon which the lien attaches is located. The procedure,  
17 except as otherwise provided in AS 34.35.005 - 34.35.045, is the same  
18 as in the trial of an action to secure property to hold it for the  
19 satisfaction of a lien against it.

20 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
21 10.070(c).