
SENATE BILL 6133

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By Senator Fairley

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1 AN ACT Relating to powers of district and municipal court judges;
2 and amending RCW 3.46.030, 3.50.020, 3.66.060, and 35.20.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.46.030 and 1985 c 303 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A municipal department shall have exclusive jurisdiction of matters
7 arising from ordinances of the city, and no jurisdiction of other
8 matters except as conferred by statute.

9 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral
10 imposed by a municipal department prohibiting an offender from being
11 present or remaining within specified areas may specify prohibited
12 areas anywhere within any county that contains any portion of the city
13 and may be enforced by any law enforcement officer.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.50.020 and 1985 c 303 s 14 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The municipal court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over
17 traffic infractions arising under city ordinances and exclusive
18 original criminal jurisdiction of all violations of city ordinances

1 duly adopted by the city in which the municipal court is located and
2 shall have original jurisdiction of all other actions brought to
3 enforce or recover license penalties or forfeitures declared or given
4 by such ordinances or by state statutes. The municipal court shall
5 also have the jurisdiction as conferred by statute. The municipal
6 court is empowered to forfeit cash bail or bail bonds and issue
7 execution thereon; and in general to hear and determine all causes,
8 civil or criminal, including traffic infractions, arising under such
9 ordinances and to pronounce judgment in accordance therewith.

10 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral
11 imposed by a municipal court prohibiting an offender from being present
12 or remaining within specified areas may specify prohibited areas
13 anywhere within any county that contains any portion of the city and
14 may be enforced by any law enforcement officer.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 3.66.060 and 1984 c 258 s 44 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The district court shall have jurisdiction: (1) Concurrent with
18 the superior court of all misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors committed
19 in their respective counties and of all violations of city ordinances.
20 It shall in no event impose a greater punishment than a fine of five
21 thousand dollars, or imprisonment for one year in the county or city
22 jail as the case may be, or both such fine and imprisonment, unless
23 otherwise expressly provided by statute. It may suspend and revoke
24 vehicle operators' licenses in the cases provided by law; (2) to sit as
25 a committing magistrate and conduct preliminary hearings in cases
26 provided by law; (3) concurrent with the superior court of a proceeding
27 to keep the peace in their respective counties; (4) concurrent with the
28 superior court of all violations under Title 75 RCW; and (5) to hear
29 and determine traffic infractions under chapter 46.63 RCW.

30 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral
31 imposed by a district court prohibiting an offender from being present
32 or remaining within specified areas may specify prohibited areas
33 anywhere within the county and may be enforced by any law enforcement
34 officer.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.20.030 and 1993 c 83 s 3 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

1 The municipal court shall have jurisdiction to try violations of
2 all city ordinances and all other actions brought to enforce or recover
3 license penalties or forfeitures declared or given by any such
4 ordinances. It is empowered to forfeit cash bail or bail bonds and
5 issue execution thereon, to hear and determine all causes, civil or
6 criminal, arising under such ordinances, and to pronounce judgment in
7 accordance therewith: PROVIDED, That for a violation of the criminal
8 provisions of an ordinance no greater punishment shall be imposed than
9 a fine of five thousand dollars or imprisonment in the city jail not to
10 exceed one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, but the punishment
11 for any criminal ordinance shall be the same as the punishment provided
12 in state law for the same crime. All civil and criminal proceedings in
13 municipal court, and judgments rendered therein, shall be subject to
14 review in the superior court by writ of review or on appeal: PROVIDED,
15 That an appeal from the court's determination or order in a traffic
16 infraction proceeding may be taken only in accordance with RCW
17 46.63.090(5). Costs in civil and criminal cases may be taxed as
18 provided in district courts.

19 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral
20 imposed by a municipal court prohibiting an offender from being present
21 or remaining within specified areas may specify prohibited areas
22 anywhere within any county that contains any portion of the city and
23 may be enforced by any law enforcement officer.

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