
SENATE BILL 6293

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By Senators Kline and Johnson

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1 AN ACT Relating to venue for courts of limited jurisdiction; and
2 amending RCW 3.66.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.66.070 and 2001 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) All criminal actions shall be brought in the district where the
7 alleged violation occurred: PROVIDED, That (a) the prosecuting
8 attorney may file felony cases in the district in which the county seat
9 is located, (b) with the consent of the defendant criminal actions
10 other than those arising out of violations of city ordinances may be
11 brought in or transferred to the district in which the county seat is
12 located, (c) if the alleged violation relates to driving, or being in
13 actual physical control of, a motor vehicle while under the influence
14 of intoxicating liquor or any drug and the alleged violation occurred
15 within a judicial district which has been designated an enhanced
16 enforcement district under RCW 2.56.110, the charges may be filed in
17 that district or in a district within the same county which is adjacent
18 to the district in which the alleged violation occurred, and (d) a
19 district court participating in the program established by the office

1 of the administrator for the courts pursuant to RCW 2.56.160 shall have
2 jurisdiction to take recognizance, approve bail, and arraign defendants
3 held within its jurisdiction on warrants issued by any other court of
4 limited jurisdiction participating in the program.

5 (2) In the event of an emergency created by act of nature, civil
6 unrest, technological failure, or other hazardous condition, temporary
7 venue for court of limited jurisdiction matters may be had in a court
8 district not impacted by the emergency. Such emergency venue is
9 appropriate only for the duration of the emergency.

10 (3) A criminal action commenced under a local ordinance or state
11 statute is deemed to be properly heard by the court of original
12 jurisdiction even though the hearing may take place by video or other
13 electronic means as approved by the supreme court and the defendant is
14 appearing by an electronic method from a location outside the court's
15 geographic jurisdiction or boundaries.

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