

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6293**

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57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION--VENUE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/13/02

Passed by the Senate February 13, 2002  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 6, 2002  
YEAS 93 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6293** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

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**Secretary**

Approved March 21, 2002

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GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Kline and Johnson

Read first time 01/14/2002. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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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