

CHAPTER 1067**MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS – JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT***S.F. 2155*

AN ACT to adjust the jurisdictional amount for municipal infractions tried before a judge in district court.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 364.22, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

a. The matter shall be tried before a magistrate, a district associate judge, or a district judge ~~in district court if the total amount of civil penalties does not exceed two thousand dollars~~ in the same manner as a small claim. The matter shall only be tried before a judge in district court if the total amount of civil penalties assessed exceeds ~~two thousand dollars~~ the jurisdictional amount for small claims set forth in section 631.1.

Approved April 8, 1996

CHAPTER 1068**DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGES – NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT***S.F. 2252*

AN ACT relating to the number and apportionment of district associate judges, and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 602.6301, Code Supplement 1995, is amended to read as follows:
602.6301 NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGES.

There shall be one district associate judge in counties having a population, according to the most recent federal decennial census, of more than thirty-five thousand and less than eighty thousand; two in counties having a population of eighty thousand or more and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand; three in counties having a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or more and less than two hundred thousand; four in counties having a population of two hundred thousand or more and less than two hundred thirty-five thousand; five in counties having a population of two hundred thirty-five thousand or more and less than two hundred seventy thousand; six in counties having a population of two hundred seventy thousand or more and less than three hundred five thousand; and seven in counties having a population of three hundred five thousand or more. However, a county shall not lose a district associate judgeship solely because of a reduction in the county's population. If the formula provided in this section results in the allocation of an additional district associate judgeship to a county, implementation of the allocation shall be subject to prior approval of the supreme court and availability of funds to the judicial department. A district associate judge appointed pursuant to section 602.6302 or 602.6303 shall not be counted for purposes of this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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