

**631.2 Jurisdiction and procedures.**

1. The district court sitting in small claims shall exercise the jurisdiction conferred by [this chapter](#), and shall determine small claims according to the statutes and the rules prescribed by [this chapter](#). Except when transferred from the small claims docket as provided in [section 631.8](#), small claims may be tried by a judicial magistrate, a district associate judge, or a district judge.

2. The clerk of the district court shall maintain a separate small claims docket which shall contain all matters relating to small claims which are required by [section 602.8104, subsection 2](#), paragraph “e”, to be contained in a combination docket.

3. Statutes and rules relating to venue and jurisdiction shall apply to small claims, except that a provision of [this chapter](#) which is inconsistent therewith shall supersede that statute or rule.

[C73, §631.2, 631.3; C75, 77, 79, 81, §631.2]

[83 Acts, ch 101, §124; 83 Acts, ch 186, §10116, 10201](#)