

SENATE FILE 2054
BY MADDOX

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to adjust the jurisdictional amount for municipal
2 infractions tried before a judge in district court.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 364.22, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

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

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill amends the jurisdictional amount for municipal
13 infractions heard in the manner of small claims by magistrates
14 and judges in order to make it consistent with the current
15 jurisdictional amount for small claims actions of \$4,000.
16 Civil penalties assessed above that amount would be heard by a
17 judge in district court. The change will also now permit
18 automatic adjustment of the municipal infraction
19 jurisdictional amount each time the jurisdictional amount for
20 small claims actions in section 631.1 is adjusted.

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