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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the jurisdiction of district associate judges.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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SF 282 JUDICIARY

1   Section 1. Section 602.6306, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3   2. District associate judges also have jurisdiction in
4 civil actions for money judgment where the amount in
5 controversy does not exceed ten thousand dollars, jurisdiction
6 over involuntary commitment, treatment, or hospitalization
7 proceedings under chapters 125 and 229, jurisdiction of
8 indictable misdemeanors, ~~and~~ felony violations of section
9 321J.2, and felony arraignments, jurisdiction to enter a
10 temporary or emergency order of protection under chapter 236,
11 and to make court appointments and set hearings in criminal
12 matters, jurisdiction to enter orders in probate which do not
13 require notice and hearing and to set hearings in actions
14 under chapter 633, and the jurisdiction provided in section
15 602.7101 when designated as a judge of the juvenile court.
16 While presiding in these subject matters a district associate
17 judge shall employ district judges' practice and procedure.
18   EXPLANATION
19   This bill relates to the jurisdiction of district associate
20 judges. The bill provides that a district associate judge may
21 exercise jurisdiction over an arraignment involving a felony.
22 Current law provides that in criminal proceedings, a district
23 associate judge has jurisdiction over indictable misdemeanors
24 and felony offenses involving operating while intoxicated.
25   An arraignment is generally defined as a proceeding where
26 the criminal charge is read to the defendant and the defendant
27 enters a plea of "guilty" or "not guilty" to the charge.
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