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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Passidomo moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (136072) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 346 - 402

5 and insert:

6           Section 7. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
7 subsection (1) of section 34.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
8 read:

9           34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.—

10           (1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:

11           (a) In all misdemeanor cases not cognizable by the circuit



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12 courts.~~†~~

13 (b) Of all violations of municipal and county ordinances.~~†~~

14 (c) 1. Of all actions at law in which the matter in  
15 controversy does not exceed the sum of \$15,000, exclusive of  
16 interest, costs, and attorney ~~attorney's~~ fees, except those  
17 within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.~~†~~ ~~and~~

18 2. Of all actions at law filed on or after January 1, 2020,  
19 in which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of  
20 \$25,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees, except  
21 those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.

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23 By December 1, 2018, the State Courts Administrator shall make  
24 recommendations regarding the potential adjustment of county  
25 court jurisdiction to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
26 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
27 recommendation must include an analysis on workflow, timely  
28 access to court by litigants, and any resulting fiscal impact to  
29 the state as a result of adjusted jurisdictional limits.

30 (d) Of disputes occurring in the homeowners' associations  
31 as described in s. 720.311(2) (a), which shall be concurrent with  
32 jurisdiction of the circuit courts.

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34 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete lines 587 - 594

37 and insert:

38 34.01, F.S.; increasing the limit of the amount in  
39 controversy in certain actions at law, filed on or  
40 after a certain date, under which the county court has



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41 original jurisdiction; requiring the State Courts  
42 Administrator to make certain recommendations to the  
43 Governor and Legislature by a specified date;