

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the jurisdiction of county courts;
 3 amending s. 34.01, F.S.; increasing the jurisdictional
 4 limit for actions at law by county courts for a
 5 specified period of time; providing a formula for use
 6 by the Supreme Court when adjusting the jurisdictional
 7 limit; providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 34.01,
 12 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (6),
 13 respectively, paragraph (c) of subsection (1) is amended, and a
 14 new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

15 34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.—

16 (1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:

17 (c) Of all actions at law in which the matter in
 18 controversy does not exceed the sum of \$50,000 through June 30,
 19 2020, and as set by the Supreme Court under subsection (2) on
 20 and after July 1, 2020 ~~\$15,000~~, exclusive of interest, costs,
 21 and attorney ~~attorney's~~ fees, except those within the exclusive
 22 jurisdiction of the circuit courts; and

23 (2) The Supreme Court shall adjust the jurisdictional
 24 limit for the county courts every 5 years beginning July 1,
 25 2020. The adjusted jurisdictional limit shall equal the sum of

26 | the current jurisdictional amount and the cumulative percentage
27 | change in the preceding 5 years of the unadjusted Consumer Price
28 | Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United States
29 | Department of Labor. The jurisdictional limit shall be rounded
30 | to the nearest \$1,000.

31 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, and
32 | shall apply to a cause of action filed on or after that date
33 | regardless of when the cause of action accrued.