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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to jurisdictional changes to small claims court  
2 cases.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 631.1, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 2, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 A civil action for a money judgment where the amount in  
4 controversy is ~~three-thousand-dollars-or-less-for-actions~~  
5 ~~commenced-on-or-after-July-17-1994,-and-before-July-17-1995,~~  
6 and four thousand dollars or less for actions commenced ~~on-or~~  
7 ~~after~~ before July 1, ~~1995~~ 2001, and six thousand dollars or  
8 less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 2001, exclusive  
9 of interest and costs.

10 Sec. 2. Section 631.1, subsections 3, 4, and 5, Code 2001,  
11 are amended to read as follows:

12 3. The district court sitting in small claims has  
13 concurrent jurisdiction of an action of replevin if the value  
14 of the property claimed is ~~three-thousand-dollars-or-less-for~~  
15 ~~actions-commenced-on-or-after-July-17-1994,-and-before-July-17~~  
16 ~~1995,-and~~ four thousand dollars or less for actions commenced  
17 ~~on-or-after~~ before July 1, ~~1995~~ 2001, and six thousand dollars  
18 or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 2001. When  
19 commenced under this chapter, the action is a small claim for  
20 the purposes of this chapter.

21 4. The district court sitting in small claims has  
22 concurrent jurisdiction of motions and orders relating to  
23 executions against personal property, including garnishments,  
24 where the value of the property or garnisheed money involved  
25 is ~~three-thousand-dollars-or-less-for-actions-commenced-on-or~~  
26 ~~after-July-17-1994,-and-before-July-17-1995,-and~~ four thousand  
27 dollars or less for actions commenced ~~on-or-after~~ before July  
28 1, ~~1995~~ 2001, and six thousand dollars or less for actions  
29 commenced on or after July 1, 2001.

30 5. The district court sitting in small claims has  
31 concurrent jurisdiction of an action for abandonment of a  
32 mobile home or personal property pursuant to section 555B.3,  
33 if no money judgment in excess of four thousand dollars is  
34 sought for actions commenced ~~on-or-after~~ before July 1, ~~1995~~  
35 2001, and six thousand dollars or less for actions commenced

