

West's Florida Statutes Annotated  
Title V. Judicial Branch (Chapters 25-44)  
Chapter 34. County Courts (Refs & Annos)

West's F.S.A. § 34.01

### 34.01. Jurisdiction of county court

Effective: July 1, 2021

[Currentness](#)

(1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:

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

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

(c) Of all actions at law, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts, in which the matter in controversy does not exceed, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees:

1. If filed on or before December 31, 2019, the sum of \$15,000.

2. If filed on or after January 1, 2020, the sum of \$30,000.

3. If filed on or after January 1, 2023, the sum of \$50,000.

Effective July 1, 2030, and every 10 years thereafter, the \$50,000 jurisdictional limit in subparagraph 3. must be adjusted and increased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, 1982-1984=100, or successor reports, for the preceding 10 calendar years as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The adjusted jurisdictional limit must be rounded to the nearest \$5,000. However, the jurisdictional limit may not be lower than \$50,000. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research must calculate the adjusted jurisdictional limit and certify the adjusted jurisdictional limit to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court beginning January 31, 2030, and every 10 years thereafter. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of the State Courts Administrator must publish the adjusted jurisdictional limit on their websites.

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

(2) The county courts shall have jurisdiction previously exercised by county judges' courts other than that vested in the circuit court by [s. 26.012](#), except that county court judges may hear matters involving dissolution of marriage under the simplified dissolution procedure pursuant to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure or may issue a final order for dissolution in

cases where the matter is uncontested, and the jurisdiction previously exercised by county courts, the claims court, small claims courts, small claims magistrates courts, magistrates courts, justice of the peace courts, municipal courts, and courts of chartered counties, including but not limited to the counties referred to in ss. 9, 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. (6)(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution.

(3) Judges of county courts shall also be committing trial court judges. Judges of county courts shall be coroners unless otherwise provided by law or by rule of the Supreme Court.

(4) Judges of county courts may hear all matters in equity involved in any case within the jurisdictional amount of the county court, except as otherwise restricted by the State Constitution or the laws of Florida.

(5) A county court is a trial court.

#### Credits

Laws 1887, c. 3730, § 6; Rev.St.1892, §§ 1572, 2833; Gen.St.1906, §§ 2034, 3890; Laws 1913, c. 6463, § 1; Rev.Gen.St.1920, §§ 3325, 3326, 5985; Comp.Gen.Laws 1927, §§ 5169, 5170, 8278; Laws 1963, c. 63-559, § 3; Laws 1972, c. 72-404, § 9; Laws 1977, c. 77-135, § 1; Laws 1980, c. 80-165, §§ 1, 2; Laws 1990, c. 90-269, § 1. Amended by Laws 2000, c. 2000-336, § 3, eff. June 20, 2000; Laws 2004, c. 2004-11, § 4, eff. Oct. 1, 2004; Laws 2004, c. 2004-265, § 31, eff. July 1, 2004; Laws 2004, c. 2004-345, § 29, eff. Oct. 1, 2004; Laws 2004, c. 2004-353, § 25, eff. June 23, 2004; Laws 2019, c. 2019-58, § 9, eff. Jan. 1, 2020; Laws 2021, c. 2021-230, § 4, eff. July 1, 2021.

#### Editors' Notes

#### APPLICABILITY

<Laws 2019, c. 2019-58, § 31, provides:>

<“The amendments to the jurisdiction of a court made by this act shall apply with respect to the date of filing the cause of action, regardless of when the cause of action accrued.”>

#### Notes of Decisions (111)

West's F. S. A. § 34.01, FL ST § 34.01

Current with laws, joint and concurrent resolutions and memorials through July 4, 2023, in effect from the 2023 Special B Session and the 2023 first regular session. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details. The statutes are subject to change as determined by the Florida Revisor of Statutes. (These changes will be incorporated later this year.)