

150 state if the territorial limits of the justice court are adjacent to the body of water; and

151 (B) as used in Subsection (3)(f)(ii)(A), "body of water" includes any stream, river, lake,
152 or reservoir, whether natural or man-made;

153 (iii) an individual who commits theft exercises control over the affected property
154 within the court's jurisdiction; or

155 (iv) the offense is committed on or near the boundary of the court's jurisdiction;

156 (g) the offense consists of an unlawful communication that was initiated or received
157 within the court's jurisdiction; or

158 (h) jurisdiction is otherwise specifically provided by law.

159 (4) If in a criminal case the defendant is 16 or 17 years old, a justice court judge may
160 transfer the case to the juvenile court for further proceedings if the justice court judge
161 determines and the juvenile court concurs that the best interests of the defendant would be
162 served by the continuing jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

163 (5) Justice courts have jurisdiction of small claims cases under Title 78A, Chapter 8,
164 Small Claims Courts, if a defendant resides in or the debt arose within the territorial
165 jurisdiction of the justice court.

166 (6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6), "domestic violence offense" means the same as
167 that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.

168 (b) If a justice court has jurisdiction over a criminal action involving a domestic
169 violence offense and the criminal action is set for ~~H~~→ jury ←~~H~~ trial, the justice court shall transfer
169a the case
170 to the district court.

171 Section 4. **Effective date.**

172 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.