



**House Judiciary Reported Substitute for SB173**

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-6-142, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the jurisdiction over prosecutions for violations of domestic violence protection orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 13A-6-142, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§13A-6-142

(a) A person commits the crime of violation of a domestic violence protection order if the person knowingly commits any act prohibited by a domestic violence protection order or willfully fails to abide by any term of a domestic violence protection order.

(b) A violation of a domestic violence protection order is a Class A misdemeanor which shall be punishable as provided by law. A second conviction for violation of a domestic violence protection order, in addition to any other penalty or fine, shall be punishable by a minimum of 30 days imprisonment which may not be suspended. A third or subsequent conviction is a Class C felony.



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29 (c) In addition to any other fine or penalty provided  
30 by law, the court shall order the defendant to pay an  
31 additional fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for a violation of a  
32 domestic violence protection order to be distributed to the  
33 Domestic Violence Trust Fund, established by Section 30-6-11.

34 (d) (1) Except for violations of this section that are  
35 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts of this state,  
36 the district courts of this state shall have exclusive  
37 original jurisdiction over prosecutions for violations of this  
38 section or any other prosecution for an action that would  
39 constitute a violation of this section except as provided in  
40 Section 12-12-32.

41 (2) Except for violations of this section that are  
42 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts of this state,  
43 any prosecution for a violation of this section, or any other  
44 prosecution for an action that would constitute a violation of  
45 this section, that is pending on October 1, 2026, shall be  
46 transferred to the district court.

47 (3) This subsection shall not apply to violations  
48 arising from a domestic violence protection order issued by a  
49 municipal court."

50 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
51 1, 2026.