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3 By Senator Bell
4 RFD: Judiciary
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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) 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 (e) 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 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
48 1, 2026.



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51 Senate

52 Read for the first time and referred20-Jan-26
53 to the Senate committee on Judiciary

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55 Read for the second time and placed12-Feb-26
56 on the calendar:
57 1 amendment

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59 Read for the third time and passed17-Feb-26
60 as amended

61 Yeas 33
62 Nays 0
63 Abstains 0

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66 Patrick Harris,
67 Secretary.
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