

SB173 ENROLLED



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2 JP1S4NN-2
3 By Senator Bell
4 RFD: Judiciary
5 First Read: 20-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section
5 13A-6-142, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the
6 jurisdiction over prosecutions for violations of domestic
7 violence protection orders.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

11 "§13A-6-142

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

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

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



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

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

42 (3) This subsection shall not apply to violations
43 arising from a domestic violence protection order issued by a
44 municipal court."

45 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
46 1, 2026.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 17-Feb-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Amended and passed: 08-Apr-26

Senate concurred in House amendment 08-Apr-26

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