

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**  
Chapter 65  
COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

**600.6501 Chapter applicable to district court, municipal court, and common pleas court of Detroit; exception.**

Sec. 6501.

The provisions of this chapter apply to the district court, to municipal courts and to the common pleas court of Detroit, except as otherwise provided in statutes and supreme court rules specifically applicable to these courts.

**History:** Add. 1974, Act 297, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975

**600.6502 Matters governed by statutes and supreme court rules; exception; references to justice courts or justices of the peace.**

Sec. 6502.

All matters relating to the organization and financing of courts of limited jurisdiction or to the selection, terms, compensation, and duties of their judges and other officers and personnel and to limitations on jurisdiction shall be governed by the statutes respectively applicable to the courts. In all other matters of civil jurisdiction, including pleadings and motions, forms of action, joinder of claims and parties, issuance, service and enforcement of writs, subpoenas and other process, contempts, taxation of costs, and entry and enforcement of judgments, the municipal and common pleas courts shall also be governed by statutes and supreme court rules applicable to the district court, except where the provisions conflict with the provisions of statutes or supreme court rules specifically applicable to the municipal or common pleas courts. In the statutes specifically applicable to municipal or common pleas courts, all references to the powers or proceedings of justice courts or justices of the peace in matters of civil jurisdiction shall be construed to refer to the powers or proceedings of the district court or district court judges.

**History:** Add. 1974, Act 297, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975

**600.6511 Jurisdiction in civil actions at law against school districts.**

Sec. 6511.

Courts of limited jurisdiction shall have jurisdiction in all civil actions at law against school districts, when the amount claimed or matter in controversy is within their respective jurisdictional limits.

**History:** Add. 1974, Act 297, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975

**600.6521 Jurisdiction over actions at law; one form of action.**

Sec. 6521.

Except as otherwise provided or limited in statutes specifically applicable to courts of limited jurisdiction, the courts have jurisdiction over actions at law, including statutory actions and remedies which are not equitable in nature, when the amount claimed or the matter in controversy does not exceed the jurisdictional limits applicable in

the courts. Forms of action are abolished and there is 1 form of action known as a civil action.

**History:** Add. 1974, Act 297, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975

**600.6525 Municipal court; verdict in civil action.**

Sec. 6525.

In every municipal court retained after the establishment of the district court pursuant to sections 9928 and 9930, a verdict in a civil action tried by a jury of 6 shall be received when 5 jurors agree.

**History:** Add. 1974, Act 297, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975

**600.6536 Appeal; payment of costs.**

Sec. 6536.

In every appeal from a district, municipal, or common pleas court, the appellant shall pay to the clerk of the trial court the taxable costs of the prevailing party, together with \$25.00.

**History:** Add. 1974, Act 297, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975 ;-- Am. 1993, Act 189, Eff. Oct. 8, 1993

**600.6537 Original jurisdiction over civil infraction actions.**

Sec. 6537.

A municipal court shall have original jurisdiction over civil infraction actions involving civil infractions occurring within its jurisdiction.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 511, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979