

HB 1636 -- Jurisdiction for Certain Municipal Ordinance
Violations

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Currently, a city, town, or village with less than 400,000 residents can choose to have violations of its municipal ordinances heard and determined by either a county municipal court or an associate circuit court, and once the choice is made, all municipal ordinance violations will be heard by that court.

This bill authorizes a city, town, or village to elect to have violations involving an accused with special needs due to mental disorder or mental illness, or whose special needs, circumstances, and charges cannot adequately be accommodated by the municipal court to be heard and determined by the associate circuit court or county municipal court. The associate circuit court or county municipal court must be able to provide adequate accommodations and resources for specifically handling these matters and must consent to the transfer.