


WFG Informational Bulletin



To: All Florida Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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On May 24, 2019, Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 337 (CS/CS/HB 337) in to law. H.B. 337 revised F.S. 34.01, which pertains to County Court jurisdiction.

County Courts currently have jurisdiction in cases where the matter in controversy does not exceed \$15,000. However, pursuant to the revisions to F.S. 34.01, County Court jurisdiction increases to \$30,000 for cases filed on or after January 1, 2020, and to \$50,000 for cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

Under F.S. 26.012, appeals from County Court are to the Circuit Court. However, under H.B. 337, F.S. 26.012(1)(a) was revised to provide that appeals from County Court where the amount in controversy is greater than \$15,000 will be directly to the District Court of Appeal rather than to the Circuit Court. This provision is effective January 1, 2020.

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