


Code of Alabama Currentness ([Refs & Annos](#))

Title 12. Courts. ([Refs & Annos](#))

 [Chapter 12](#). District Courts. ([Refs & Annos](#))

➔ Article 3. Traffic Offenses.

**[§ 12-12-50. "Traffic infraction" defined.](#)**

A "traffic infraction" is any violation of a statute, ordinance or regulation relating to the operation or use of motor or other vehicles or the use of streets and highways by pedestrians.

**[§ 12-12-51. District court jurisdiction of misdemeanor prosecutions for traffic infractions.](#)**

The district court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of misdemeanor prosecutions for traffic infractions, except ordinance infractions prosecuted in municipal courts.

**[§ 12-12-52. Receipt of guilty pleas in traffic infraction prosecutions by magistrates.](#)**

Pursuant to the provisions of [Section 12-17-251](#), magistrates may receive pleas of guilty in traffic infraction prosecutions, but may not receive pleas in matters involving:

- (1) Violations resulting in personal injury;
- (2) Operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated;
- (3) Reckless driving;
- (4) Felonies or indictable offenses;
- (5) Operation of motor vehicles without an operator's license or while the license is suspended or revoked; or
- (6) A defendant convicted of two or more previous traffic offenses in the preceding 12 months.

**[§ 12-12-53. Requirement of use of uniform traffic ticket and complaint.](#)**

(a) Every law enforcement agency in the state shall use traffic citations of the form known as the uniform traffic ticket and complaint, which shall be substantially uniform throughout the state and which shall be issued in books with citations in no less than quadruplicate.

(b) The uniform traffic ticket and complaint shall be used in traffic cases where a complaint is made by a law enforcement officer or by any other person or an information is filed by the district attorney.

**[§ 12-12-54. Designation of personnel responsible for accounting for uniform traffic tickets and complaints and proper disposition of forms; requirement of preparation of records and reports pertaining to uniform traffic tickets and complaints.](#)**

The judge or judges and the clerk of the district court shall designate personnel to be responsible for accounting for all uniform traffic tickets and complaints issued to law enforcement officers or others in his or their jurisdiction and

for the proper disposition of the forms and shall cause to be prepared records and reports relating to the uniform traffic tickets and complaints in the manner and at the time as may be prescribed by rule of the Supreme Court.

**§ 12-12-55. Establishment of schedules of fines for traffic infractions; provision for manner of payment and accounting for of fines and costs.**

Schedules of fines to be imposed for traffic infractions shall be established by law or rule.

The manner in which fines and costs shall be paid to and accounted for by personnel assigned to accept payment shall be provided by administrative rule.

**§ 12-12-56. Law enforcement officers, etc., not to dispose of uniform traffic tickets or complaints, etc., in unauthorized manner; persons soliciting, etc., unauthorized disposition, etc., of uniform traffic ticket and complaint subject to punishment for criminal contempt.**

(a) No law enforcement officer or other officer or public employee shall dispose of a uniform traffic ticket and complaint or any portion thereof or the record of issuance thereof in a manner other than as required under rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this subsection.

(b) Any person who solicits or aids in the disposition or attempted disposition of a uniform traffic ticket and complaint or any portion thereof in any unauthorized manner is subject to the criminal contempt power of the district or municipal court.

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