

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 647 (Formerly HSB 49)	House Committee:	PASSED on February 25 (21-0)
Committee:	Judiciary	House Floor:	PASSED on May 13 (95-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Shipley	Senate Floor:	PASSED on April 8 (48-0)
Date:	May 21, 2025	Governor:	SIGNED on April 18, 2025
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Place of Trial

- Establishes the place of trial in cases where it may be unclear where the crime was committed.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Jurisdiction of Public Offenses and Place of Trial- Place of Trial- Special Provisions (803.3)

1. **If the crime location is unclear:** The trial will be held in the county where the victim lives.
2. **If there is no victim, or the victim lives out of state, or they can't figure out where the victim lives:** The trial will be held in the county where the person accused of the crime lives.
3. **If the victim is an organization (not a person):** The trial can happen in any county where the organization has a physical presence.
4. **If there are multiple victims:** The trial can be held in any county where one of the victims lives, but if one of the victims is a person, that county takes priority over others.

Amendment Analysis