

By the Committee on Judiciary and Senator McKay

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Statutes;
3 repealing various statutory provisions that
4 have become obsolete, have had their effect,
5 have served their purpose, or have been
6 impliedly repealed or superseded; repealing s.
7 16.58(2)(g), F.S., relating to a pilot project
8 of the Florida Legal Resource Center to provide
9 court reporting services to state agencies;
10 repealing ss. 25.074 and 25.081, F.S., relating
11 to the Supreme Court's assignment of circuit
12 and county court judges to geographical areas
13 and the seal of the Supreme Court; amending s.
14 34.01, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions
15 relating to actions at law subject to
16 jurisdiction of the county courts; repealing s.
17 35.09, F.S., relating to seals of the district
18 courts of appeal; repealing s. 46.015(4), F.S.,
19 relating to applicability of provisions
20 relating to release of parties to written
21 releases or covenants not to sue executed after
22 a certain date; repealing s. 46.051(6)(b),
23 F.S., relating to applicability of provisions
24 relating to joinder of products liability
25 insurers to causes of action accruing on or
26 after a certain date; repealing s.
27 57.111(6)(b), F.S., relating to applicability
28 of the Florida Equal Access to Justice Act;
29 repealing s. 60.02, F.S., relating to
30 jurisdiction of chancery courts to enjoin
31 against destruction of timber and removal of

1 logs; repealing s. 92.55(1), F.S., relating to
2 findings and a request of the Supreme Court to
3 amend applicable rules of procedure to conform
4 with statutory provisions to protect the
5 interests of children or persons with mental
6 retardation as witnesses in criminal, civil, or
7 juvenile proceedings; repealing s. 112.3217(4),
8 F.S., relating to applicability to existing
9 contracts of provisions prohibiting contingency
10 fees; repealing s. 120.574(2)(g), F.S.,
11 relating to a register of the total number of
12 formal proceedings filed with the Division of
13 Administrative Hearings under s. 120.57(1),
14 F.S.; providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
19 16.58, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

20 Section 2. Sections 25.074 and 25.081, Florida
21 Statutes, are repealed.

22 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
23 34.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24 34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.--

25 (1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:

26 (c) ~~As to causes of action accruing:~~

27 ~~1. Before July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in which~~
28 ~~the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$2,500,~~
29 ~~exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, except~~
30 ~~those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.~~

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1 ~~2. On or after July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in~~
2 ~~which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of~~
3 ~~\$5,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,~~
4 ~~except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit~~
5 ~~courts.~~

6 ~~3. On or after July 1, 1990, of actions at law in~~
7 ~~which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of~~
8 ~~\$10,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,~~
9 ~~except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit~~
10 ~~courts.~~

11 ~~4. On or after July 1, 1992,~~Of all actions at law in
12 which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of
13 \$15,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,
14 except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit
15 courts. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or
16 proceeding pursuant to this paragraph ~~schedule~~ where the
17 amount in controversy is in excess of \$5,000 shall pay to the
18 clerk of the county court the filing fees and service charges
19 in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided in s.
20 28.241.

21 Section 4. Section 35.09, Florida Statutes, is
22 repealed.

23 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 46.015 and
24 paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 46.051, Florida
25 Statutes, are repealed.

26 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
27 57.111, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

28 Section 7. Section 60.02, Florida Statutes, is
29 repealed.

30 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 92.55, Florida
31 Statutes, is repealed.

1 Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 112.3217, Florida
2 Statutes, is repealed.

3 Section 10. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
4 120.574, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

5 Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.

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8 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
10 SB 1752

11 Section 5 of the bill, which would have repealed subsection
12 (7) of s. 44.201, F.S., relating to the operation of Citizen
13 Dispute Settlement Centers in operation on October 1, 1985, is
14 deleted from the bill.

15 Section 11 is amended so that s. 120.695(2)(b-f), F.S.,
16 relating to agency reports on rule review and designation of
17 minor violations subject to notices of noncompliance, is
18 deleted from the bill.
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