

By the Committee on Rules & Calendar and Representative
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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6 impliedly repealed or superseded; repealing s.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; repealing s.
14 27.0055(1) and (4), F.S., relating to the
15 definition of "official court reporter" and to
16 an effective date and applicability provision
17 for provisions specifying actions of official
18 court reporters that do not constitute
19 violation of ch. 112, F.S.; amending s. 34.01,
20 F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions relating
21 to actions at law subject to jurisdiction of
22 the county courts; repealing s. 35.09, F.S.,
23 relating to seals of the district courts of
24 appeal; repealing s. 44.201(7), F.S., relating
25 to the operation of Citizen Dispute Settlement
26 Centers in operation on a certain date;
27 repealing s. 46.015(4), F.S., relating to
28 applicability of provisions relating to release
29 of parties to written releases or covenants not
30 to sue executed after a certain date; repealing
31 s. 46.051(6)(b), F.S., relating to

1 applicability of provisions relating to joinder
2 of products liability insurers to causes of
3 action accruing on or after a certain date;
4 repealing s. 57.111(6)(b), F.S., relating to
5 applicability of the Florida Equal Access to
6 Justice Act; repealing s. 60.02, F.S., relating
7 to jurisdiction of chancery courts to enjoin
8 against destruction of timber and removal of
9 logs; repealing s. 68.091(2), F.S., relating to
10 severability of the provisions of the Florida
11 False Claims Act; repealing s. 92.55(1), F.S.,
12 relating to findings and a request of the
13 Supreme Court to amend applicable rules of
14 procedure to conform with statutory provisions
15 to protect the interests of children or persons
16 with mental retardation as witnesses in
17 criminal, civil, or juvenile proceedings;
18 repealing s. 112.3217(4), F.S., relating to
19 applicability to existing contracts of
20 provisions prohibiting contingency fees;
21 repealing s. 120.574(2)(g), F.S., relating to a
22 register of the total number of formal
23 proceedings filed with the Division of
24 Administrative Hearings under s. 120.57(1),
25 F.S.; repealing s. 120.695(2)(b)-(f), F.S.,
26 relating to agency reports on rule review and
27 designation of minor violations subject to
28 notices of noncompliance; providing an
29 effective date.

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

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

3 Section 2. Sections 25.074 and 25.081, Florida
4 Statutes, are repealed.

5 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 27.0055,
6 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

7 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
8 34.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.--

10 (1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:

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

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

16 2. ~~On or after July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in~~
17 ~~which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of~~
18 ~~\$5,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,~~
19 ~~except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit~~
20 ~~courts.~~

21 3. ~~On or after July 1, 1990, of actions at law in~~
22 ~~which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of~~
23 ~~\$10,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,~~
24 ~~except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit~~
25 ~~courts.~~

26 4. ~~On or after July 1, 1992,~~Of all actions at law in
27 which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of
28 \$15,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,
29 except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit
30 courts. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or
31 proceeding pursuant to this paragraph ~~schedule~~ where the

1 amount in controversy is in excess of \$5,000 shall pay to the
2 clerk of the county court the filing fees and service charges
3 in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided in s.
4 28.241.

5 Section 5. Section 35.09, Florida Statutes, is
6 repealed.

7 Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 44.201, Florida
8 Statutes, is repealed.

9 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 46.015 and
10 paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 46.051, Florida
11 Statutes, are repealed.

12 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
13 57.111, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

14 Section 9. Section 60.02, Florida Statutes, is
15 repealed.

16 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 68.091, Florida
17 Statutes, is repealed.

18 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 92.55, Florida
19 Statutes, is repealed.

20 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 112.3217,
21 Florida Statutes, is repealed.

22 Section 13. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
23 120.574 and paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of
24 subsection (2) of section 120.695, Florida Statutes, are
25 repealed.

26 Section 14. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
27 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Repeals various statutory provisions that have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded. Repeals provisions relating to a pilot project of the Florida Legal Resource Center to provide court reporting services to state agencies; the Supreme Court's assignment of circuit and county court judges to geographical areas and the seal of the Supreme Court; the definition of "official court reporter" and an effective date and applicability provision for provisions specifying actions of official court reporters that do not constitute violation of ch. 112, F.S.; seals of the district courts of appeal; the operation of Citizen Dispute Settlement Centers in operation on October 1, 1985; applicability of provisions relating to release of parties to written releases or covenants not to sue executed after June 23, 1980; applicability of provisions relating to joinder of products liability insurers to causes of action accruing on or after October 1, 1978; applicability of the Florida Equal Access to Justice Act; jurisdiction of chancery courts to enjoin against destruction of timber and removal of logs; severability of the provisions of the Florida False Claims Act; findings and a request of the Supreme Court to amend applicable rules of procedure to conform with statutory provisions to protect the interests of children or persons with mental retardation as witnesses in criminal, civil, or juvenile proceedings; applicability to existing contracts of provisions prohibiting contingency fees; a register of the total number of formal proceedings filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings under s. 120.57(1), F.S.; and agency reports on rule review and designation of minor violations subject to notices of noncompliance. Eliminates obsolete provisions relating to actions at law subject to jurisdiction of the county courts.