

By the Committees on Judiciary, Rules & Calendar and
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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6 impliedly repealed or superseded; repealing ss.
7 13.90-13.996, F.S., relating to the Florida
8 Legislative Law Revision Council; repealing s.
9 16.58(2)(g), F.S., relating to a pilot project
10 of the Florida Legal Resource Center to provide
11 court reporting services to state agencies;
12 repealing ss. 25.074 and 25.081, F.S., relating
13 to the Supreme Court's assignment of circuit
14 and county court judges to geographical areas
15 and the seal of the Supreme Court; repealing s.
16 27.0055, F.S., relating to official court
17 reporters; amending s. 34.01, F.S.; eliminating
18 obsolete provisions relating to actions at law
19 subject to jurisdiction of the county courts;
20 repealing s. 35.09, F.S., relating to seals of
21 the district courts of appeal; repealing s.
22 46.015(4), F.S., relating to applicability of
23 provisions relating to release of parties to
24 written releases or covenants not to sue
25 executed after a certain date; repealing s.
26 46.051(6)(b), F.S., relating to applicability
27 of provisions relating to joinder of products
28 liability insurers to causes of action accruing
29 on or after a certain date; repealing s.
30 57.111(6)(b), F.S., relating to applicability
31 of the Florida Equal Access to Justice Act;

1 repealing s. 60.02, F.S., relating to
2 jurisdiction of chancery courts to enjoin
3 against destruction of timber and removal of
4 logs; repealing s. 68.091(2), F.S., relating to
5 severability of the provisions of the Florida
6 False Claims Act; repealing s. 92.55(1), F.S.,
7 relating to findings and a request of the
8 Supreme Court to amend applicable rules of
9 procedure to conform with statutory provisions
10 to protect the interests of children or persons
11 with mental retardation as witnesses in
12 criminal, civil, or juvenile proceedings;
13 repealing s. 112.3217(4), F.S., relating to
14 applicability to existing contracts of
15 provisions prohibiting contingency fees;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Sections 13.90, 13.91, 13.92, 13.93, 13.94,
21 13.95, 13.96, 13.97, 13.98, 13.99, 13.992, 13.993, 13.994,
22 13.995, and 13.996, Florida Statutes, are repealed

23 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
24 16.58, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

25 Section 3. Sections 25.074 and 25.081, Florida
26 Statutes, are repealed.

27 Section 4. Section 27.0055, Florida Statutes, is
28 repealed.

29 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
30 34.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

31 34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.--

1 (1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:
2 (c) ~~As to causes of action accruing:~~
3 1. ~~Before July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in which~~
4 ~~the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$2,500,~~
5 ~~exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, except~~
6 ~~those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.~~
7 2. ~~On or after July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in~~
8 ~~which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of~~
9 ~~\$5,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,~~
10 ~~except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit~~
11 ~~courts.~~
12 3. ~~On or after July 1, 1990, of actions at law in~~
13 ~~which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of~~
14 ~~\$10,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,~~
15 ~~except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit~~
16 ~~courts.~~
17 4. ~~On or after July 1, 1992,~~Of all actions at law in
18 which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of
19 \$15,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees,
20 except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit
21 courts. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or
22 proceeding pursuant to this paragraph ~~schedule~~ where the
23 amount in controversy is in excess of \$5,000 shall pay to the
24 clerk of the county court the filing fees and service charges
25 in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided in s.
26 28.241.

27 Section 6. Section 35.09, Florida Statutes, is
28 repealed.

29 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 46.015 and
30 paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 46.051, Florida
31 Statutes, are repealed.

1 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
2 57.111, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

3 Section 9. Section 60.02, Florida Statutes, is
4 repealed.

5 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 68.091, Florida
6 Statutes, is repealed.

7 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 92.55, Florida
8 Statutes, is repealed.

9 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 112.3217,
10 Florida Statutes, is repealed.

11 Section 13. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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