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June 13, 2022

The Honorable Paul Pate Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2222, an Act relating to documents that may be filed pro se by a defendant represented by counsel or an applicant for postconviction relief represented by counsel.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely

Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2222

## AN ACT

RELATING TO DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE FILED PRO SE BY A DEFENDANT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OR AN APPLICANT FOR POSTCONVICTION RELIEF REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 814.6A, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

- 1. A Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a defendant who is currently represented by counsel shall not file any pro se document, including a brief, reply brief, or motion, in any Iowa court. The court shall not consider, and opposing counsel shall not respond to, such pro se filings.
- 3. A defendant currently represented by counsel may file a pro-se motion seeking disqualification of the counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause the following prose documents:
- a. A pro se motion seeking disqualification of the counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause.
  - b. A pro se notice of appeal.
- c. A pro se response to a motion to withdraw pursuant to rule of appellate procedure 6.1005.
- Sec. 2. Section 822.3A, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:
- 1. An Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an applicant seeking relief under section 822.2 who is currently represented by counsel shall not file any pro se document,

including an application, brief, reply brief, or motion, in any Iowa court. The court shall not consider, and opposing counsel shall not respond to, such pro se filings.

- 3. A represented applicant for postconviction relief may file a pro-se motion seeking disqualification of counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause the following pro-se documents:
- a. A pro se motion seeking disqualification of counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause.

b.	A	pro	se	notice	of	appeal	•
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Speaker of the House

JAKE CHAPMAN

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2222, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 13, , 2022

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Governor