

CHAPTER 1030**DESTRUCTION OF COURT RECORDS***S.F. 2258*

AN ACT relating to the destruction and retention of court reporters' notes and certified transcripts in civil and criminal proceedings.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 602.8103, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

a. Records including, but not limited to, ~~doekets~~, journals, scrapbooks, and files ~~including court reporters' notes~~, forty years after final disposition of the case. However, judgments, decrees, stipulations, records in criminal proceedings, probate records, and orders of court shall not be destroyed unless they have been reproduced as provided in subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Section 602.8103, subsection 4, Code 1987, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. g. Court reporters' notes and certified transcripts of those notes in civil cases, ten years after final disposition of the case. For purposes of this section, "final disposition" means one year after dismissal of the case, after judgment or decree without appeal, or after procedendo or dismissal of appeal is filed in cases where appeal is taken.

NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Court reporters' notes and certified transcripts of those notes in criminal cases, ten years after dismissal of all charges, or ten years after the expiration of all sentences imposed or the date probation is granted, whichever later occurs. For purposes of this subsection "sentences imposed" include all sentencing options pursuant to section 901.5.

NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Court files, as provided by rules prescribed by the supreme court, ten years after final disposition in civil cases, or ten years after expiration of all sentences in criminal cases. For purposes of this paragraph, "purging" means the removal and destruction of documents in the court file which have no legal, administrative, or historical value. Purging shall be done without reproduction of the removed documents. For purposes of this paragraph, "civil cases" does not include divorce, dissolution of marriage, child support, or paternity cases, or juvenile, mental health, probate, or adoption proceedings.

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CHAPTER 1031**SUSPENSION OF PROPERTY TAXES***S.F. 2270*

AN ACT relating to the suspension of the collection of taxes, special assessments, and other assessments by the county board of supervisors.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 427.8, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

427.8 PETITION FOR EXEMPTION.

If a person, by reason of age or infirmity, is unable to contribute to the public revenue, the person may file a petition, duly sworn to, with the board of supervisors, stating that fact and