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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting attorneys from representing persons at a
2 small claims hearing.

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

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1 Section 1. Section six hundred thirty-one point eleven
2 (631.11), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new
3 subsection:

4 NEW SUBSECTION. At the hearing neither the defendant nor
5 the plaintiff shall be represented by an attorney, unless
6 one of the parties is an attorney in which case the other
7 party may be represented by an attorney.

8 Sec. 2. Section six hundred thirty-one point fourteen
9 (631.14), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

10 631.14 REPRESENTATION IN SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS. Actions
11 constituting small claims may be brought or defended by an
12 individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other
13 entity. In actions in which a person other than an individual
14 is a party, that person may be represented by an officer or
15 an employee. ~~Any person, however, may be represented in small
16 claims action by an attorney.~~

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill provides that neither party to a small claims
19 action shall be represented by an attorney, unless one of
20 the parties is an attorney.

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