

**CHAPTER 1141****PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND HOMESTEAD TAX CREDITS  
UPON DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE***H.F. 666*

**AN ACT** to provide that a homestead tax credit claim need not be refiled when the homestead is transferred to one of the spouses pursuant to a dissolution of marriage.

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

Section 1. Section 425.2, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:  
Upon the filing and allowance of the claim, the claim shall be allowed on that homestead for successive years without further filing as long as the property is legally or equitably owned and used as a homestead by that person or that person's spouse on July 1 of each of those successive years. When the property is sold or transferred, the buyer or transferee who wishes to qualify shall refile for the credit. However, when the property is transferred as part of a distribution made pursuant to chapter 598, the transferee who is the spouse retaining ownership of the property is not required to refile for the credit. Property divided pursuant to chapter 598 cannot be modified following the division of the property. An owner who ceases to use a property for a homestead shall provide written notice to the assessor by July 1 following the date on which the use is changed. A person who sells or transfers a homestead or the personal representative of a deceased person who had a homestead at the time of death, shall provide written notice to the assessor that the property is no longer the homestead of the former claimant.

Sec. 2. Section 598.21, subsection 8, paragraph k, Code 1987, is amended by inserting after unnumbered paragraph 2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Property divisions made under this chapter are not subject to modification.

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**CHAPTER 1142****NAME CHANGES AS PART OF MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION  
OR ANNULMENT DECREES***H.F. 2117*

**AN ACT** allowing certain name changes on an application for marriage or in divorce and annulment decrees.

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

Section 1. Section 595.5, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:  
595.5 SURNAME ADOPTED.

Upon marriage either A party may request on the application for a marriage license a name change to that of the other party or to some other surname mutually agreed upon by the parties. The names used on the marriage license shall become the legal names of the parties to the marriage. The marriage license shall contain a statement that when a name change is requested and affixed to the marriage license, the new name is the legal name of the requesting party. If a party requests a name change, other than a change of surname to that of the other spouse or to a hyphenated combination of the surnames of both spouses, the party shall