

**631.17 Prohibited practices.**

1. The district court, after due notice and hearing, may bar a person from appearing on the person's own behalf in any court governed by [this chapter](#) on a cause of action purchased by or assigned for collection to that person for any of the following:

a. Falsely holding oneself out as an attorney at law.

b. Repeatedly filing claims for costs allowed under [section 625.22](#) which have been found by the court to have been exaggerated or without merit.

c. A pattern of conduct in violation of [chapter 537, article 7](#).

2. A person barred pursuant to [subsection 1](#) shall not derive any benefit, directly or indirectly, from any case brought pursuant to [this chapter](#) within the purview of the order of bar issued by the district court.

3. The district court shall dismiss any pending case based on a cause of action purchased or assigned for collection brought on the person's own behalf by a person barred pursuant to [subsection 1](#), and shall assess the costs against that person.

4. The district court shall dismiss any case subsequently brought directly or indirectly by a person subject to a bar pursuant to [subsection 1](#) in violation of that subsection and shall assess all costs to that person, and the court shall assess a further civil penalty of one hundred dollars against that person for each such case dismissed.

5. The district court shall retain jurisdiction over a person barred pursuant to [subsection 1](#) and may punish violations of the court's order of bar as a matter of criminal contempt.

[86 Acts, ch 1238, §25](#); [87 Acts, ch 98, §6](#); [2011 Acts, ch 25, §72](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1021, §107](#)