

**602.11101 Implementation by court component.**

1. The state shall assume responsibility for components of the court system according to the following schedule:

a. On October 1, 1983, the state shall assume the responsibility for and the costs of jury fees and mileage as provided in [section 607A.8](#) and on July 1, 1984, the state shall assume the responsibility for and the costs of prosecution witness fees and mileage and other witness fees and mileage assessed against the prosecution in criminal actions prosecuted under state law as provided in [sections 622.69](#) and [622.72](#).

b. Court reporters shall become court employees on July 1, 1984. The state shall assume the responsibility for and the costs of court reporters on July 1, 1984.

c. Bailiffs who perform services for the court, other than law enforcement services, shall become court employees on January 1, 1985, and shall be called court attendants. The state shall assume the responsibility for and the costs of court attendants on January 1, 1985. [Section 602.6601](#) takes effect on January 1, 1985.

d. (1) Juvenile probation officers shall become court employees on July 1, 1985. The state shall assume the responsibility for and the costs of juvenile probation officers on July 1, 1985.

(2) Until July 1, 1985, the county shall remain responsible for the compensation of juvenile court referees. Effective July 1, 1985, the state shall assume the responsibility for the compensation of juvenile court referees.

e. (1) Clerks of the district court shall become court employees on July 1, 1986. The state shall assume the responsibility for and the costs of the offices of the clerks of the district court on July 1, 1986. Persons who are holding office as clerks of the district court on July 1, 1986, are entitled to continue to serve in that capacity until the expiration of their respective terms of office. The district judges of a judicial election district shall give first and primary consideration for appointment of a clerk of the district court to serve the court beginning in 1989 to a clerk serving on and after July 1, 1986, until the expiration of the clerk's elected term of office. A vacancy in the office of clerk of the district court occurring on or after July 1, 1986, shall be filled as provided in [section 602.1215](#).

(2) (a) Until July 1, 1986, the county shall remain responsible for the compensation of and operating costs for court employees not presently designated for state financing and for miscellaneous costs of the judicial branch related to furnishings, supplies, and equipment purchased, leased, or maintained for the use of judicial officers, referees, and their staff.

(b) Effective July 1, 1986, except as provided in subparagraph division (c) or (d), as applicable, the state shall assume the responsibility for the compensation of and operating costs for court employees presently designated for state financing and for miscellaneous costs of the judicial branch related to furnishings, supplies, and equipment purchased, leased, or maintained for the use of judicial officers, referees, and their staff. However, the county shall at all times remain responsible for the provision of suitable courtrooms, offices, and other physical facilities pursuant to [section 602.1303, subsection 1](#), including paint, wall covering, and fixtures in the facilities.

(c) Effective July 1, 2023, except as provided in subparagraph division (d), if a county expends moneys for the renovation or construction of suitable courtrooms, offices, and other physical facilities pursuant to [section 602.1303](#), that requires the purchase of furnishings, supplies, and equipment for the use of judicial officers, referees, and their staff as a result of that renovation or construction, the state shall be responsible for only seventy-five percent of the cost of the purchase.

(d) Effective July 1, 2025, the state is not responsible for the cost of furnishings purchased, leased, or maintained for the use of judicial officers, referees, and their staff in physical facilities described in [section 602.1303, subsection 1](#).

(3) Until July 1, 1986, the county shall remain responsible for the compensation of and operating costs for probate referees and judicial hospitalization referees and their staffs. Effective July 1, 1986, the state shall assume the responsibility for the compensation of and operating costs for probate referees and judicial hospitalization referees and their staffs.

(4) Until July 1, 1986, the county shall remain responsible for necessary fees and costs related to certain court reporters. Effective July 1, 1986, the state shall assume the responsibility for necessary fees and costs related to certain court reporters.

f. The county shall remain responsible for the court-ordered costs of conciliation procedures under [section 598.16](#).

2. a. For the period beginning July 1, 1983, and ending June 30, 1987, the provisions of division I of [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186, articles 1 through 10 of this chapter](#), take effect only to the extent that the provisions do not conflict with the scheduled state assumption of responsibility for the components of the court system, and the amendments and repeals of divisions II and III of [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), take effect only to the extent necessary to implement that scheduled state assumption of responsibility. If an amendment or repeal to a Code section in division II or III of [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), is not effective during the period beginning July 1, 1983, and ending June 30, 1987, the Code section remains in effect for that period. On July 1, 1987, [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), takes effect in its entirety.

b. However, if the state does not fully assume the costs for a fiscal year of a component of the court system in accordance with the scheduled assumption of responsibility, the state shall not assume responsibility for that component, and the schedule of state assumption of responsibility shall be delayed. The delayed schedule of state assumption of responsibility shall again be followed for the fiscal year in which the state fully assumes the costs of that component. For the fiscal year for which the state's assumption of the responsibility for a court component is delayed, the clerk of the district court shall not reduce the percentage remittance to the counties from the court revenue distribution account under [section 602.8108](#). The clerk shall resume the delayed schedule of reductions in county remittances for the fiscal year in which the state fully assumes the costs of that court component. If the schedules of state assumption of responsibility and reductions in county remittances are delayed, the transition period beginning July 1, 1983, and ending June 30, 1987, is correspondingly lengthened, and [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), takes effect in its entirety only at the end of the lengthened transition period.

3. The supreme court shall prescribe temporary rules, prior to the dates on which the state assumes responsibility for the components of the court system, as necessary to implement the administrative and supervisory provisions of [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), and as necessary to determine the applicability of specific provisions of [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), in accordance with the scheduled state assumption of responsibility for the components of the court system.

[83 Acts, ch 186, §10201, 10301; 84 Acts, ch 1301, §15; 85 Acts, ch 197, §29 – 31; 86 Acts, ch 1108, §8; 86 Acts, ch 1111, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §63, 64; 2007 Acts, ch 126, §100; 2013 Acts, ch 90, §172; 2014 Acts, ch 1026, §127, 143; 2022 Acts, ch 1150, §18; 2025 Acts, ch 167, §17](#)

Referred to in [§602.1302, 602.11102](#)

Subsection 1, paragraph e, subparagraph (2) amended