



THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

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SALLY J. PEDERSON
LT. GOVERNOR

April 7, 2004

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2138, an Act relating to payment of legal expenses for indigent persons by the state public defender.

House File 2149, an Act relating to the prosecution of certain simple misdemeanors committed in a city located in two or more counties.

House File 2318, an Act relating to the filing of statements of organization or dissolution by a political or candidate's committee, and regulating campaign and other contributions.

House File 2350, an Act relating to Family Investment Program eligibility requirements involving motor vehicle equity, family investment plans, limited benefit plans, and required school attendance and including an applicability provision.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2149

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN SIMPLE MISDEMEANORS
COMMITTED IN A CITY LOCATED IN TWO OR MORE COUNTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 803.3, subsection 5, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

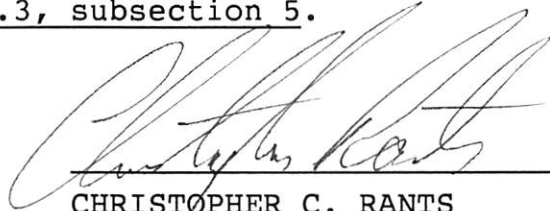
5. If a simple misdemeanor is committed in a city which is located in two or more counties, venue shall be in the county in which the seat of government of the city is located.

However, if the simple misdemeanor is committed in conjunction with an offense greater than a simple misdemeanor, the trial of the simple misdemeanor shall be in the county where the greater offense was committed as provided in section 803.2.

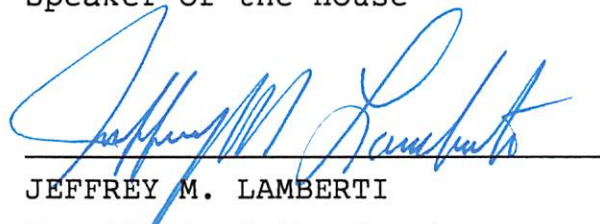
Sec. 2. Section 805.13, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1. Traffic violations, whether or not scheduled, and all other scheduled violations may be tried before the nearest magistrate in the judicial district in which the offense is committed, or if the offense occurred in a city which is located in two counties, the violation shall be tried in-the

county-in-which-the-seat-of-government-of-the-city-is-located
as provided in section 803.3, subsection 5.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



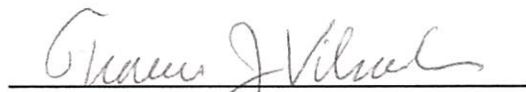
JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 2149, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 7, 2004



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor