



HOUSE FILE 2672

AN ACT

RELATING TO PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES IN TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDINGS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDING FOR RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.

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

Section 1. Section 600A.6B, subsections 1 and 2, Code Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

1. A person filing a petition for termination of parental rights under this chapter or the person on whose behalf the petition is filed shall be responsible for the payment of reasonable attorney fees for counsel appointed pursuant to section 600A.6A unless the person filing the petition is a private child-placing agency as defined in section 238.2 or unless the court determines that the person filing the petition or the person on whose behalf the petition is filed is indigent.

2. If the person filing the petition is a private child-placing agency as defined in section 238.2 or if the person filing the petition or the person on whose behalf the petition is filed is indigent, the appointed attorney shall be paid reasonable attorney fees as determined by the state public defender.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.  
This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to March 12, 2004.



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 2672, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor