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HOUSE FILE 1465

Place On Calendar  
House File 1465  
Judiciary  
Willits, Chairperson  
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Ramsey

*4/13, Pass per 5882 5/21*

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND  
LAW ENFORCEMENT

Passed House, Date 4-6-76 (1645) Passed Senate, Date 5-25-76 (p. 2245)

Vote: Ayes 85 Nays 3 Vote: Ayes 31 Nays 10

Approved 6-23-76

*Repassed House as amended by Senate  
5-26-76 (p. 2184)  
83-1*

# A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish district court administrators and to  
2 provide the funds therefor.

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

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1 Section 1. Chapter six hundred five (605), Code 1975,  
2 is amended by adding the following new section:  
3 NEW SECTION. DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR--DISTRICT COURT  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND. A district court administrator for each  
5 judicial district may be appointed to perform such duties  
6 as may be assigned by the chief judge of the district, at  
7 a salary to be fixed by order of that chief judge. District  
8 court administrators shall cooperate with the court  
9 administrator of the judicial department in developing  
10 necessary statewide district court administration policies,  
11 and the court administrator of the judicial department shall,  
12 from time to time, call conferences of the district court  
13 administrators. The chief judge of a judicial district in  
14 which an administrator has been appointed may provide for  
15 the establishment of a district court administrative fund,  
16 in which shall be deposited all appropriated funds received  
17 from the court administrator of the judicial department for  
18 district court use, and out of which all expenses of the  
19 district court administrator's office and any other district  
20 wide expenses may be paid. Expenses not covered by funds  
21 appropriated for district court use shall be assessed to and  
22 paid by the counties in the judicial district in the same  
23 manner that expenses of shorthand reporters are assessed to  
24 and paid by the counties pursuant to section six hundred five  
25 point nine (605.9) of the Code. The district court  
26 administrator shall report to the court administrator of the  
27 judicial department, at the request of the latter, all  
28 information respecting the district court administrative fund.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill would authorize the creation of the position  
31 of district court administrator in each judicial district,  
32 and would permit the chief judge of the district to fix the  
33 salary, thereby permitting a variation from district to  
34 district, depending upon the qualifications and experience  
35 of the person appointed. The district court administrators

1 would be under the supervisory and administrative control  
2 of the supreme court administrator, in keeping with the control  
3 of the district courts by the supreme court as established  
4 by the Iowa Constitution. This bill would provide for the  
5 payment of the expenses of the district court administrator's  
6 office and any other district wide expenses out of a district  
7 court administrative fund, administered in one county of the  
8 district, and funded by transfers from the court funds of  
9 the several counties of the district pro rated according to  
10 population.

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H-6137

- 1 Amend House File 1465 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 7, by inserting after the word
- 3 "judge." the following: "A person appointed as a
- 4 district court administrator shall have such
- 5 qualifications as the chief judge may prescribe, but
- 6 a person who is licensed to practice law in this state
- 7 shall not be appointed as a district court
- 8 administrator."

H-6137 FILED - *Adopted 4/6* BY NIELSEN of Polk  
APRIL 5, 1976 *(1644) 57-19*

S-5882

- 1 Amend House File 1465 as amended and passed
- 2 by the House as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, lines 7 through 11 by striking
- 4 the words "A person appointed as a district court
- 5 administrator shall have such qualifications as the
- 6 chief judge may prescribe, but a person who is
- 7 licensed to practice law in this state shall not
- 8 be appointed as a district court administrator."

S-5882 FILED - *Adopted 5/25 (2245)* BY GENE W. GLENN, CHAIRPERSON  
MAY 21, 1976 COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 1465

H-6883

- 1 Amend House File 1465 as amended and passed
- 2 by the House as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, lines 7 through 11 by striking
- 4 the words "A person appointed as a district court
- 5 administrator shall have such qualifications as the
- 6 chief judge may prescribe, but a person who is
- 7 licensed to practice law in this state shall not
- 8 be appointed as a district court administrator."

H-6883 FILED  
RECEIVED FROM SENATE  
MAY 26, 1976

*House concurred 5/26 (3183)*

HOUSE FILE 1465

AN ACT

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judicial department, at the request of the latter, all

information respecting the district court administrative  
fund.

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DALE M. COCHRAN  
Speaker of the House

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ARTHUR A. NEU  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
is known as House File 1465, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

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DAVID L. WRAY  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 23, 1976

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ROBERT D. RAY  
Governor