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By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Place On Calendar

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Vote: Ayes 93 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 0

Approved April 25, 1977

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act to clarify jurisdiction and venue provisions in
- 2 cases of dissolution of marriage.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-eight point two  
2 (598.2), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

3 598.2 JURISDICTION. The district court ~~in-the-county~~  
4 ~~where-either-party-resides~~ has original jurisdiction of the  
5 subject matter of this chapter. Venue shall be in the county  
6 where either party resides.

7 Sec. 2. Section five hundred ninety-eight point five  
8 (598.5), subsections one (1) and three (3) are amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 1. State the name-~~and~~, address and county of residence  
11 of the petitioner and his or her attorney.

12 3. State the name-~~and~~, address and county of residence,  
13 if known, of the respondent.

14 Sec. 3. Section one (1) of this Act shall operate  
15 retroactively for the purpose of validating a dissolution  
16 entered into in good faith by the parties.

17 Sec. 4. This Act is effective January 1, 1978.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that any district court has jurisdiction  
20 in a dissolution of marriage action and that venue shall be  
21 in the county of residence of either party. It requires  
22 county of residence to be stated in the petition, and it  
23 operates retrospectively to validate dissolutions decreed  
24 by a district court other than that in a party's county of  
25 residence.

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## AN ACT

TO CLARIFY JURISDICTION AND VENUE PROVISIONS IN CASES OF  
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

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

Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-eight point two (598.2), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

598.2 JURISDICTION. The district court ~~in-the-county where-either-party-resides~~ has original jurisdiction of the subject matter of this chapter. Venue shall be in the county where either party resides.

Sec. 2. Section five hundred ninety-eight point five (598.5), subsections one (1) and three (3), Code 1977, are amended to read as follows:

1. State the name-~~and~~, address and county of residence of the petitioner and his or her attorney.

3. State the name-~~and~~, address and county of residence, if known, of the respondent.

Sec. 3. Section one (1) of this Act shall operate retroactively for the purpose of validating a dissolution entered into in good faith by the parties.

Sec. 4. This Act is effective January 1, 1978.

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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 281, Sixty-seventh General Assembly.

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DAVID L. WRAY  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 25, 1977

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ROBERT D. RAY  
Governor