

JUDICIARY: Small, Chair; Ritsema and Carr

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HOUSE FILE 419

Place On Calendar

BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Formerly House File 23)

Passed House, Date 3-1-85 (p. 617) Passed Senate, Date 4-16-85 (p. 1397)

Vote: Ayes 77 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 43 Nays 1

Approved April 29, 1985 (p. 2028)

### A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the payment of court costs and providing  
2 a penalty.

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

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2 follows:

3 909.5 NONPAYMENT OF FINES AND COURT COSTS -- CONTEMPT.

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5 costs for a criminal proceeding, or both, or an installment of  
6 a the fine or the court imposed court costs, or both, and who  
7 refuses to do so, or who fails to make a good faith effort to  
8 pay the person's fine, court costs, or both, or any  
9 installment thereof, shall be held in contempt of court.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that a person who is ordered by a court  
12 to pay court costs for the person's criminal proceeding and  
13 who is able to pay but refuses to pay, shall be held in con-  
14 tempt of court.

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

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ROBERT T. ANDERSON  
President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 419, Seventy-first General Assembly.

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JOSEPH O'HERN  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved *April 29* 1985

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor

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