

# House File 642 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to full-time county attorneys and the practice of  
2 law.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 2532HH 83  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 236.3B, Code 2009, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 236.3B ASSISTANCE BY COUNTY ATTORNEY.  
1 4 A county attorney's office may provide assistance to a  
1 5 person wishing to initiate proceedings pursuant to this  
1 6 chapter or to a plaintiff at any stage of a proceeding under  
1 7 this chapter, if the individual does not have sufficient funds  
1 8 to pay for legal assistance and if the assistance does not  
1 9 create a conflict of interest for the county attorney's  
1 10 office. The assistance provided may include, but is not  
1 11 limited to, assistance in obtaining or completing forms,  
1 12 filing a petition or other necessary pleading, presenting  
1 13 evidence to the court, and enforcing the orders of the court  
1 14 entered pursuant to this chapter. Providing assistance  
1 15 pursuant to this section shall not be considered the ~~private~~  
1 16 practice of law for the purposes of section 331.752.  
1 17 Sec. 2. Section 331.752, subsection 1, Code 2009, is  
1 18 amended to read as follows:  
1 19 1. The board may provide that the county attorney is a  
1 20 full-time or part-time county officer in the manner provided  
1 21 in this section. A full-time county attorney shall otherwise  
1 22 refrain from the ~~private~~ practice of law for monetary  
1 23 remuneration.

### EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill relates to full-time county attorneys. The bill  
1 25 prohibits a full-time county attorney from the practice of law  
1 26 for monetary gain, other than as a full-time county attorney.  
1 27 Currently, a county attorney is prohibited from the private  
1 28 practice of law.  
1 29  
1 30 LSB 2532HH 83  
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