

**House Study Bill 29 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BALTIMORE)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to information required to be contained in  
2 petitions for administration of small estates and including  
3 applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 635.2, subsection 2, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The name and address of the surviving spouse, ~~and the~~  
4 ~~name and relationship of each beneficiary in a testate estate~~  
5 ~~or known heirs in an intestate estate.~~

6 Sec. 2. Section 635.2, Code 2017, is amended by adding the  
7 following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The name and relationship of each heir  
9 so far as known to the petitioner in an intestate estate.

10 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to petitions filed  
11 on or after the effective date of this Act.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill relates to the information required to be  
16 contained in petitions for administration of small estates.

17 Code chapter 635 provides for a simplified probate procedure  
18 for small estates, which are estates where the gross value of  
19 the decedent's probate assets does not exceed \$100,000. A  
20 petition for administration of a small estate must contain  
21 certain specified information, including the name and  
22 relationship of each beneficiary in a testate estate. The bill  
23 provides that the name and relationship of each beneficiary  
24 in a testate estate does not need to be contained in such a  
25 petition.

26 The bill applies to petitions filed on or after the effective  
27 date of this bill.