

House File 2268 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating specialty probate courts.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 602.6109 Probate courts.

2 1. The supreme court shall cause there to be three probate
3 courts in this state. One shall be in the county with the
4 largest population, one shall be in an eastern county, and one
5 shall be in a western county. Each probate court shall consist
6 of qualified full-time associate probate judges as provided for
7 in section 633.20B.

8 2. The jurisdiction of the probate court extends to the
9 jurisdiction granted the district court under the probate code,
10 chapter 633, and the trust code, chapter 633A.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to probate proceedings and instructs the
15 Iowa supreme court to create specialty probate courts. One
16 probate court shall be in the largest populated county, one
17 in an eastern county, and the third one in a western county.
18 Under current law, the probate code (Code chapter 633) allows a
19 full-time associate probate judge to be appointed, but only one
20 county is currently utilizing the option. The bill requires
21 the establishment of two more probate courts that have a
22 designated probate judge.