

**House File 138 - Introduced**

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BY RINKER

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the Iowa rules of criminal procedure including
- 2 the right to a speedy trial.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. SUPREME COURT — RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
2 REVISIONS. The supreme court shall revise rules of criminal  
3 procedure 2.33(2) and 2.33(3) to provide that a defendant must  
4 be brought to trial within one hundred twenty days after an  
5 indictment is found or after a change in venue is granted by  
6 the court. The revised rules of criminal procedure shall be  
7 submitted for legislative council review no later than October  
8 14, 2025.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
10 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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 the Iowa rules of criminal procedure  
15 including the right to a speedy trial.

16 The bill directs the supreme court to revise the rules of  
17 criminal procedure to provide that a defendant must be brought  
18 to trial within 120 days after an indictment is found or after a  
19 change in venue is granted by the court. Current rules require  
20 that a defendant must be brought to trial within 90 days after  
21 an indictment is found or after a change in venue is granted by  
22 the court. The bill requires the revised rules to be submitted  
23 to the legislative council for review no later than October 14,  
24 2025.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.