

Senate Study Bill 1179 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
SCHULTZ)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to statutes of limitations in civil actions.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 614.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 Actions may be brought within the times limited as follows,
4 respectively, after their causes accrue, and not afterwards,
5 except when otherwise specially declared, provided that such
6 time limitations may only be altered by an Act of the general
7 assembly:

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill provides that only the general assembly has the
12 power to alter the period of time a civil action may be brought
13 under Code section 614.1 (limitations of actions — period).
14 Code section 614.1, governs time limitations for the following
15 civil actions: (1) an action involving penalties or forfeitures
16 under an ordinance; (2) an action involving injuries to person
17 or reputation or for a statute penalty; (3) an action with
18 respect to products resulting in injuries or death; (4) an
19 action against a sheriff or other public officer; (5) an action
20 arising from unwritten contracts, injuries to property, fraud,
21 and other causes of this respect; (6) an action arising from
22 written contracts, judgments of courts not of record and recovery
23 of real property and rent; (7) a judgment of courts of record;
24 (8) a judgment quieting title; (9) an action arising from a wage
25 dispute; (10) an action arising from a malpractice claim; (11) an
26 action arising from a secured interest in farm products; (12) an
27 action arising from improvements to real property; (13) an action
28 arising from a claim of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation
29 by a counselor, therapist, school employee, or adult providing
30 training or instruction; (14) an action founded on public bonds
31 or obligations; and (15) an action brought by a county for
32 collection of taxes.