

CHAPTER 137  
MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION VENUE

H. F. 281

AN ACT to clarify jurisdiction and venue provisions in cases of dissolution of marriage.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-eight point two (598.2), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

598.2 JURISDICTION. The district court ~~in the county where either party resides~~ has original jurisdiction of the subject matter of this chapter. Venue shall be in the county where either party resides.

Sec. 2. Section five hundred ninety-eight point five (598.5), subsections one (1) and three (3), Code 1977, are amended to read as follows:

1. State the name ~~and~~, address and county of residence of the petitioner and his or her attorney.
3. State the name ~~and~~, address and county of residence, if known, of the respondent.

Sec. 3. Section one (1) of this Act shall operate retroactively for the purpose of validating a dissolution entered into in good faith by the parties.

Sec. 4. This Act is effective January 1, 1978.

Approved April 25, 1977

CHAPTER 138  
CHILD CUSTODY

H. F. 287

AN ACT relating to child custody in dissolution of marriage cases.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-eight point twenty-one (598.21), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

When a dissolution of marriage is decreed, the court may make such order in relation to the children, property, parties, and the maintenance of the parties as shall be justified. The order may include provision for joint custody of the children by the parties.

Approved June 29, 1977