

and county of residence of the petitioner.

Sec. 4. Section six hundred seventy-four point two (674.2), Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. The name the petitioner proposes to take.

Approved June 2, 1978

CHAPTER 1176
CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

S. F. 149

AN ACT relating to mandatory wage assignment in child support orders.

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

Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-eight point twenty-three (598.23), unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

The court may, as an alternative to punishment for contempt, make an order directing the defaulting party to assign a sufficient amount in salary or wages due, or to become due in the future, from an employer or successor employers, to the clerk of the court where the order or judgment was granted for the purpose of paying the sums in default as well as those to be made in the future. The assignment order shall ~~not~~ be binding upon the employer only for those amounts that represent child support and only ~~7-but-the-court-shall-send upon receipt by the employer of a copy of the order, signed by the employee,7-to-the-employer-and-request-his-co-operation in-deducting-support-payments.~~ For each payment deducted in compliance with such request, the employer shall receive one dollar to cover the expense created by the deduction, which amount shall be deducted from the money due the employee. Compliance by an employer with the court's request shall operate as a discharge of his liability to the employee as to the affected portion of the employee's wages.

Sec. 2. Section five hundred thirty-seven point five thousand one hundred five (537.5105), subsection one (1), paragraph a, Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

a. "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an individual remaining after the deduction from those earnings of amounts required by law to be withheld or assigned.

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