

**CHAPTER 116****HOMESTEAD PLATTING AND EXEMPTION***S.F. 179*

**AN ACT** to provide that a single person may claim a homestead exempt from judicial sale.

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

Section 1. Section 561.4, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

**561.4 SELECTING — PLATTING.**

The owner, husband, or wife, or a single person, may select the homestead and cause it to be platted, but a failure to do so shall not render the same liable when it otherwise would not be, and a selection by the owner shall control. When selected, it shall be designated by a legal description, or if ~~incapable thereof impossible~~ it shall be marked off by permanent, visible monuments, and the description ~~thereof~~ shall give the direction and distance of the starting point from some corner of the dwelling, which description, with the plat, shall be filed and recorded by the recorder of the proper county in the homestead book, which shall be, as nearly as may be, in the form of the record books for deeds, with an index kept in the same manner.

Sec. 2. Section 561.5, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

**561.5 PLATTED BY OFFICER HAVING EXECUTION.**

Should the homestead not be platted and recorded at the time levy is made upon real property in which a homestead is included, the officer having the execution shall give notice in writing to said the owner, and the spouse of such owner, or owners if found within the county, to plat and record the same within ten days after service ~~thereof~~; after which time said the officer shall cause said the homestead to be platted and recorded as ~~above~~, and the expense ~~thereof~~ shall be added to the costs in the case.

Sec. 3. Section 561.16, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

**561.16 EXEMPTION.**

The homestead of every person is exempt from judicial sale where there is no special declaration of statute to the contrary, ~~provided that persons.~~ Persons who reside together as a single household unit are entitled to claim in the aggregate only one homestead to be exempt from judicial sale. A single person may claim only one homestead to be exempt from judicial sale. For purposes of this section, "household unit" means all persons of whatever ages, whether or not related, who habitually reside together in the same household as a group.

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**CHAPTER 117****FOSTER CARE TRAINING AND CONFIDENTIALITY***S.F. 290*

**AN ACT** relating to the requirement for foster parent training, confidentiality requirements for foster care review boards, and incorporating a penalty.

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

Section 1. Section 237.5A, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

**237.5A FOSTER PARENT TRAINING.**

As a condition for initial licensure, each individual licensee shall complete twelve hours of foster parent training offered or approved by the department. Prior to annual renewal of licensure, each individual licensee shall also complete six hours of foster parent training. The training shall include but is not be limited to physical care, education, learning disabilities, referral