

CHAPTER 1022

ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS OF MAGISTRATE COURT PROCEEDINGS

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AN ACT relating to electronic recordings of court proceedings within a magistrate's jurisdiction.

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

Section 1. Section 602.1209, Code 2016, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. Prescribe practices and procedures for the maintenance of electronic recordings and production of transcripts from electronic recordings referred to in [section 602.6405, subsection 4](#).

Sec. 2. Section 602.6405, Code 2016, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Trials and contested hearings within a magistrate's jurisdiction shall be electronically recorded, unless a party provides a certified court reporter at the party's expense. The electronic recordings shall be securely maintained consistent with the practices and procedures prescribed by the state court administrator and shall be retained for one year after entry of a final judgment in the trial court or until thirty days after final disposition, whichever is later. Transcripts from electronic recordings required for appeals shall be produced and paid for in a manner consistent with practices and procedures prescribed by the state court administrator.

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