

## Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1752

An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing various statutory provisions that have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; repealing s. 16.58(2)(g), F.S., relating to a pilot project of the Florida Legal Resource Center to provide court reporting services to state agencies; repealing ss. 25.074 and 25.081, F.S., relating to the Supreme Court's assignment of circuit and county court judges to geographical areas and the seal of the Supreme Court; amending s. 34.01, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions relating to actions at law subject to jurisdiction of the county courts; repealing s. 35.09, F.S., relating to seals of the district courts of appeal; repealing s. 46.015(4), F.S., relating to applicability of provisions relating to release of parties to written releases or covenants not to sue executed after a certain date; repealing s. 46.051(6)(b), F.S., relating to applicability of provisions relating to joinder of products liability insurers to causes of action accruing on or after a certain date; repealing s. 57.111(6)(b), F.S., relating to applicability of the Florida Equal Access to Justice Act; repealing s. 60.02, F.S., relating to jurisdiction of chancery courts to enjoin against destruction of timber and removal of logs; repealing s. 92.55(1), F.S., relating to findings and a request of the Supreme Court to amend applicable rules of procedure to conform with statutory provisions to protect the interests of children or persons with mental retardation as witnesses in criminal, civil, or juvenile proceedings; repealing s. 112.3217(4), F.S., relating to applicability to existing contracts of provisions prohibiting contingency fees; repealing s. 120.574(2)(g), F.S., relating to a register of the total number of formal proceedings filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings under s. 120.57(1), F.S.; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 16.58, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Sections 25.074 and 25.081, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 34.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.—

(1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:

(c) ~~As to causes of action accruing:~~

~~1.—Before July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$2,500, exclusive of interest, costs, and~~

attorney's fees, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.

~~2. On or after July 1, 1980, of all actions at law in which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$5,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.~~

~~3. On or after July 1, 1990, of actions at law in which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$10,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts.~~

~~4. On or after July 1, 1992, Of all actions at law in which the matter in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$15,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or proceeding pursuant to this paragraph schedule where the amount in controversy is in excess of \$5,000 shall pay to the clerk of the county court the filing fees and service charges in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided in s. 28.241.~~

Section 4. Section 35.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 46.015 and paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 46.051, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 57.111, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 7. Section 60.02, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 92.55, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 112.3217, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 10. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 120.574, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2000.

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