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## Act No. 40 (H.512). Judiciary; court procedure

## An act relating to miscellaneous court and Judiciary related amendments

This act makes a number of changes to court and Judiciary procedures, including prohibiting the court from permitting public access via the Internet to probate case records; permitting the parties to agree to have the court divide the land instead of appointing commissioners to do so in a partition action; permitting each county probate court to maintain its own records for notices of intent to retain parental rights in adoption proceedings; permitting the court in a probate proceeding involving adoption, guardianship, or termination of parental rights to view the court records from a juvenile proceeding involving the same child; adjusting the alimony guidelines to be consistent with new Federal tax law and requiring the court to consider the impact of both parties reaching retirement or social security age when awarding alimony; increasing the penalty if a person fails to pay taxes on income received from the unlawful sale of regulated drugs; and creating the Task Force on Campus Sexual Harm.

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