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*Judiciary 3/11  
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**House File 514**

By DUNTON.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to estates of intestate decedents.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter six hundred thirty-six (636), Code 1962,  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section:  
3 "If the deceased died intestate and it shall appear that un-  
4 known heirs exist but that discovery of the unknown heirs will  
5 involve expense to the estate, the executor shall apply to the  
6 court for authority to expend estate funds for such purpose set-  
7 ting forth the evidence of the existence of unknown heirs and  
8 the methods he intends to use to effect their discovery. If  
9 in the opinion of the court such a search and expenditure of  
10 funds is justified, an order shall be made prescribing the method  
11 of search and the sums to be expended therefor. If in the  
12 opinion of the court the search or expenditure is unjustified,  
13 the court shall order distribution to the remaining heirs or  
14 escheat as the case may be."

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 514

This bill prescribes methods for conserving estates with potential unknown heirs.