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**IC 34-8-1-1**                      **Purpose of chapter**

Sec. 1. The purpose of this chapter is to enable the supreme court to:

- (1) simplify and abbreviate the pleadings and proceedings;
- (2) expedite the decision of causes;
- (3) remedy abuses and imperfections that exist in the practice;
- (4) abolish unnecessary forms and technicalities in pleading and practice; and
- (5) abolish fictions and unnecessary process and proceedings.

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*As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.3.*

**IC 34-8-1-2**                      **Statutes in force and effect as provided in chapter**

Sec. 2. All statutes relating to practice and procedure in any of the courts of Indiana are in force and effect only as provided in this chapter.

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*As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.3.*

**IC 34-8-1-3**                      **Power of supreme court to adopt, amend, and rescind procedural rules**

Sec. 3. The supreme court has authority to adopt, amend, and rescind rules of court that govern and control practice and procedure in all the courts of Indiana. These rules must be promulgated and take effect under the rules adopted by the supreme court, and thereafter all laws in conflict with the supreme court's rules have no further force or effect.

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*As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.3.*

**IC 34-8-1-4**                      **Other courts; power to establish rules**

Sec. 4. Other Indiana courts may establish rules for their own government, supplementary to and not conflicting with the rules prescribed by the supreme court or any statute.

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