

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to administrative rules; modifying requirements of a retired workers'  
 1.3 compensation judges provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
 1.4 14.49.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 14.49, is amended to read:

1.7 **14.49 TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES.**

1.8 When regularly appointed administrative law judges are not available, the chief  
 1.9 administrative law judge may contract with qualified individuals to serve as administrative  
 1.10 law judges. Such temporary administrative law judges shall not be employees of the  
 1.11 state. Compensation judges must be employees of the state, except that in the following  
 1.12 instances: (1) when all available regularly appointed compensation judges are disqualified  
 1.13 from a specific case under the Code of Judicial Conduct, the chief administrative law judge  
 1.14 may contract with a workers' compensation attorney or former workers' compensation  
 1.15 judge to serve as a compensation judge for that case; and (2) when regularly appointed  
 1.16 workers' compensation judges are not available to hear pending cases on a timely basis,  
 1.17 the chief administrative law judge may contract with a retired workers' compensation  
 1.18 judge, formerly an employee of the state, to serve as a workers' compensation judge.