

A bill for an act
relating to civil law; authorizing referees to preside over conciliation courts;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 491A.03, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 491A.03, subdivision 1, is amended to
read:

Subdivision 1. **Judges; referees.** The judges of district court ~~shall~~ may serve as
judges of conciliation court. ~~In the Second and Fourth Judicial Districts, a majority of~~
~~the judges~~ The chief judge of the district may appoint one or more suitable persons to act
as referees in conciliation court; ~~a majority of the judges~~ the chief judge of the district
shall establish qualifications for the office, specify the duties and length of service of
referees, and fix their compensation ~~not to exceed an amount per day determined by the~~
~~chief judge of the judicial district.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.