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157.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 480.243, is amended by adding a subdivision
157.4 to read:

157.5 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** The State Board of Civil Legal Aid shall report to the
157.6 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
157.7 judiciary on data related to the cases and individuals and families serviced by each of the
157.8 grant recipients providing legal services with funds received pursuant to section 480.242.
157.9 The data shall be provided for each individual organization and, when possible, for each
157.10 geographic region the organization works in, and provided in the aggregate to protect the
157.11 privacy of the individuals and families served by the organization. Reports under this
157.12 subdivision shall be submitted by April 1 in odd-numbered years.

157.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.44, is amended to read:

157.14 **484.44 DEPUTY SHERIFF AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR; ST. LOUIS**
157.15 **COUNTY.**

157.16 There shall be at all times a chief deputy sheriff of St. Louis County and a chief deputy
157.17 court administrator of the district court of St. Louis County and such other deputies as may
157.18 be necessary, resident at the city of Virginia, or the city of Ely, or the city of Hibbing, and
157.19 their appointment shall be made in the same manner as other deputy sheriffs and deputy
157.20 clerks of the district court in said county. The salaries of such deputies shall be fixed and
157.21 paid in the same manner as other such deputies. The office of said deputy sheriff at Virginia,
157.22 Hibbing, and Ely shall not in any sense be considered or deemed the office of the sheriff
157.23 for any purpose except the performance of duties relating solely to proceedings tried or to
157.24 be tried at said places; but the office of the deputy court administrator at said places shall
157.25 be equally deemed the office of the court administrator of court for all purposes ~~except the~~
157.26 ~~filing of papers in actions or proceedings to be tried at Duluth.~~ Marriage licenses and
157.27 naturalization papers may be issued by said deputy court administrator.

157.28 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.51, is amended to read:

157.29 **484.51 PAPERS WHERE FILED; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

157.30 ~~After~~ Regardless of the place of trial of any cause is determined, as provided in sections
157.31 484.44 to 484.52, all papers, orders and documents pertaining to all causes to be tried at
157.32 Virginia and filed in court shall be filed and be kept on file at the court administrator's office
158.1 in the city of Virginia, and all causes to be tried in Hibbing and all papers, orders and
158.2 documents pertaining thereto shall be filed and be kept on file at the court administrator's
158.3 office in the city of Hibbing can be filed at any court location in St. Louis County.

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24.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 480.243, is amended by adding a subdivision to
24.6 read:

24.7 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** The State Board of Civil Legal Aid shall report to the
24.8 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
24.9 judiciary on data related to the cases and individuals and families serviced by each of the
24.10 grant recipients providing legal services with funds received pursuant to section 480.242.
24.11 The data shall be provided for each individual organization and, when possible, for each
24.12 geographic region the organization works in, and provided in the aggregate to protect the
24.13 privacy of the individuals and families served by the organization. Reports under this section
24.14 shall be submitted by July 15 each year.

25.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.44, is amended to read:

25.4 **484.44 DEPUTY SHERIFF AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR; ST. LOUIS**
25.5 **COUNTY.**

25.6 There shall be at all times a chief deputy sheriff of St. Louis County and a chief deputy
25.7 court administrator of the district court of St. Louis County and such other deputies as may
25.8 be necessary, resident at the city of Virginia, or the city of Ely, or the city of Hibbing, and
25.9 their appointment shall be made in the same manner as other deputy sheriffs and deputy
25.10 clerks of the district court in said county. The salaries of such deputies shall be fixed and
25.11 paid in the same manner as other such deputies. The office of said deputy sheriff at Virginia,
25.12 Hibbing, and Ely shall not in any sense be considered or deemed the office of the sheriff
25.13 for any purpose except the performance of duties relating solely to proceedings tried or to
25.14 be tried at said places; but the office of the deputy court administrator at said places shall
25.15 be equally deemed the office of the court administrator of court for all purposes ~~except the~~
25.16 ~~filing of papers in actions or proceedings to be tried at Duluth.~~ Marriage licenses and
25.17 naturalization papers may be issued by said deputy court administrator.

25.18 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.51, is amended to read:

25.19 **484.51 PAPERS WHERE FILED; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

25.20 ~~After~~ Regardless of the place of trial of any cause is determined, as provided in sections
25.21 484.44 to 484.52, all papers, orders and documents pertaining to all causes to be tried at
25.22 Virginia and filed in court shall be filed and be kept on file at the court administrator's office
25.23 in the city of Virginia, and all causes to be tried in Hibbing and all papers, orders and
25.24 documents pertaining thereto shall be filed and be kept on file at the court administrator's
25.25 office in the city of Hibbing can be filed at any court location in St. Louis County.

158.4 In all actions tried at the city of Virginia or the city of Hibbing, the court administrator,
158.5 as soon as final judgment is entered, shall forthwith cause such judgment to be docketed in
158.6 the court administrator's office at the county seat; and when so docketed the same shall
158.7 become a lien on real estate and have the same effect as judgments entered in causes tried
158.8 at the county seat.

158.9 In all actions tried at the city of Virginia or the city of Hibbing, involving the title of
158.10 real estate, upon final judgment being entered, all the papers in said cause shall be filed in
158.11 the court administrator's office at the county seat and the final judgment or decree recorded
158.12 therein, and a certified copy of all papers in the case shall be made by the court administrator
158.13 and retained at the court administrator's office in the city of Virginia or in the court
158.14 administrator's office in the city of Hibbing where the action was originally tried, without
158.15 additional charge to the parties to said action.

158.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 518.68, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

158.17 Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** Every court order or judgment and decree under this
158.18 chapter or chapter 518A that provides for child support, spousal maintenance, custody, or
158.19 parenting time must contain certain notices as set out in subdivision 2. The information in
158.20 the notices must be concisely stated in plain language. ~~The notices must be and in clearly~~
158.21 ~~legible print, but may not exceed two pages.~~ An order or judgment and decree without the
158.22 notice remains subject to all statutes. The court may waive all or part of the notice required
158.23 under subdivision 2 relating to parental rights under section 518.17, subdivision 3, if it finds
158.24 it is necessary to protect the welfare of a party or child.

158.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 524.5-420, is amended to read:

158.26 **524.5-420 REPORTS; APPOINTMENT OF VISITOR; MONITORING; COURT**
158.27 **ORDERS.**

158.28 (a) A conservator shall report to the court for administration of the estate annually unless
158.29 the court otherwise directs, upon resignation or removal, upon termination of the
158.30 conservatorship, and at other times as the court directs. A copy of the report must be provided
158.31 to the person subject to conservatorship and to interested persons of record with the court.
158.32 An order, after notice and hearing, allowing an intermediate report of a conservator
158.33 adjudicates liabilities concerning the matters adequately disclosed in the accounting. An
159.1 order, after notice and hearing, allowing a final report adjudicates all previously unsettled
159.2 liabilities relating to the conservatorship.

159.3 (b) A report must state or contain a listing of the assets of the estate under the
159.4 conservator's control and a listing of the receipts, disbursements, and distributions during
159.5 the reporting period.

159.6 (c) The report must also state an address or post office box and a telephone number
159.7 where the conservator can be contacted.

25.26 In all actions tried at the city of Virginia or the city of Hibbing, the court administrator,
25.27 as soon as final judgment is entered, shall forthwith cause such judgment to be docketed in
25.28 the court administrator's office at the county seat; and when so docketed the same shall
25.29 become a lien on real estate and have the same effect as judgments entered in causes tried
25.30 at the county seat.

25.31 In all actions tried at the city of Virginia or the city of Hibbing, involving the title of
25.32 real estate, upon final judgment being entered, all the papers in said cause shall be filed in
26.1 the court administrator's office at the county seat and the final judgment or decree recorded
26.2 therein, and a certified copy of all papers in the case shall be made by the court administrator
26.3 and retained at the court administrator's office in the city of Virginia or in the court
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26.12 notice remains subject to all statutes. The court may waive all or part of the notice required
26.13 under subdivision 2 relating to parental rights under section 518.17, subdivision 3, if it finds
26.14 it is necessary to protect the welfare of a party or child.

27.23 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 524.5-420, is amended to read:

27.24 **524.5-420 REPORTS; APPOINTMENT OF VISITOR; MONITORING; COURT**
27.25 **ORDERS.**

27.26 (a) A conservator shall report to the court for administration of the estate annually unless
27.27 the court otherwise directs, upon resignation or removal, upon termination of the
27.28 conservatorship, and at other times as the court directs. A copy of the report must be provided
27.29 to the person subject to conservatorship and to interested persons of record with the court.
27.30 An order, after notice and hearing, allowing an intermediate report of a conservator
27.31 adjudicates liabilities concerning the matters adequately disclosed in the accounting. An
28.1 order, after notice and hearing, allowing a final report adjudicates all previously unsettled
28.2 liabilities relating to the conservatorship.

28.3 (b) A report must state or contain a listing of the assets of the estate under the
28.4 conservator's control and a listing of the receipts, disbursements, and distributions during
28.5 the reporting period.

28.6 (c) The report must also state an address or post office box and a telephone number
28.7 where the conservator can be contacted.

159.8 (d) A conservator shall report to the court in writing within 30 days of the occurrence
159.9 of any of the events listed in this paragraph. The conservator must report any of the
159.10 occurrences in this paragraph and follow the same reporting requirements in this paragraph
159.11 for any employee of the conservator responsible for exercising powers and duties under the
159.12 conservatorship. A copy of the report must be provided to the person subject to
159.13 conservatorship and to interested persons of record with the court. A conservator shall report
159.14 when:

159.15 (1) the conservator is removed for cause from serving as a guardian or conservator, and
159.16 if so, the case number and court location;

159.17 (2) the conservator has a professional license from an agency listed under section
159.18 524.5-118, subdivision 2a, denied, conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled, and if so,
159.19 the licensing agency and license number, and the basis for denial, condition, suspension,
159.20 revocation, or cancellation of the license;

159.21 (3) the conservator is found civilly liable in an action that involves fraud,
159.22 misrepresentation, material omission, misappropriation, theft, or conversion, and if so, the
159.23 case number and court location;

159.24 (4) the conservator files for or receives protection under the bankruptcy laws, and if so,
159.25 the case number and court location;

159.26 (5) a civil monetary judgment is entered against the conservator, and if so, the case
159.27 number, court location, and outstanding amount owed;

159.28 (6) the conservator is convicted of a crime other than a petty misdemeanor or traffic
159.29 offense, and if so, the case number and court location; or

159.30 (7) an order for protection or harassment restraining order is issued against the
159.31 conservator, and if so, the case number and court location.

160.1 (e) A person subject to conservatorship or an interested person of record with the court
160.2 may submit to the court a written statement disputing account statements regarding the
160.3 administration of the estate or addressing any disciplinary or legal action that is contained
160.4 in the reports and may petition the court for any order that is in the best interests of the
160.5 person subject to conservatorship and the estate or for other appropriate relief.

160.6 (f) An interested person may notify the court in writing that the interested person does
160.7 not wish to receive copies of reports required under this section after which time neither
160.8 the court nor any other person is required to give notice to any person who has waived
160.9 notice.

160.10 (g) The court may appoint a visitor to review a report or plan, interview the person
160.11 subject to conservatorship or conservator, and make any other investigation the court directs.
160.12 In connection with a report, the court may order a conservator to submit the assets of the
160.13 estate to an appropriate examination to be made in a manner the court directs.

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28.9 of any of the events listed in this paragraph. The conservator must report any of the
28.10 occurrences in this paragraph and follow the same reporting requirements in this paragraph
28.11 for any employee of the conservator responsible for exercising powers and duties under the
28.12 conservatorship. A copy of the report must be provided to the person subject to
28.13 conservatorship and to interested persons of record with the court. A conservator shall report
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28.18 524.5-118, subdivision 2a, denied, conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled, and if so,
28.19 the licensing agency and license number, and the basis for denial, condition, suspension,
28.20 revocation, or cancellation of the license;

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28.27 number, court location, and outstanding amount owed;

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29.12 In connection with a report, the court may order a conservator to submit the assets of the
29.13 estate to an appropriate examination to be made in a manner the court directs.

160.14 (h) The court shall establish a system for monitoring of conservatorships, including the
160.15 filing and review of conservators' reports and plans. If an annual report is not filed within
160.16 60 days of the required date, the court shall issue an order to show cause. Unless otherwise
160.17 ordered by the court, a report under this section shall be filed publicly.

160.18 (i) If there is no acting guardian, a conservator that becomes aware of the death of the
160.19 person subject to conservatorship shall notify in writing; orally; or by phone, text message,
160.20 email, or electronic service, all known interested persons as defined by section 524.5-102,
160.21 subdivision 7, clauses (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (ix), and (xi), and the court as soon as is reasonably
160.22 practical, that the person subject to conservatorship has died. The conservator may delegate
160.23 this task under reasonable circumstances.

160.24 (j) If a conservator fails to comply with this section, the court may decline to appoint
160.25 that person as a guardian or conservator, or may remove a person as guardian or conservator.

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