

## CHAPTER 480

### SUPREME COURT

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#### 480.054 DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED RULES; HEARING.

Before any rule for the court of appeals or for the district court is adopted, the supreme court shall distribute copies of the proposed rule to the bench and bar of the state for their consideration and suggestions and give due consideration to any suggestions they submit to the court. The court of appeals judges or district court judges association may file with the court a petition specifying their suggestions concerning any existing or proposed rule and requesting a hearing on it. The court shall grant a hearing within six months after the filing of the petition. The court may grant a hearing upon the petition of any other person.

**History:** 1999 c 86 art 1 s 72

#### 480.09 STATE LIBRARY.

Subdivision 1. The state library shall be maintained under the supervision of the justices of the supreme court. Notwithstanding chapter 16C or any other act inconsistent herewith or acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, they shall direct the purchases of books, pamphlets, and documents therefor and the sales and exchanges therefrom upon such terms and conditions as they may deem just and proper. They may authorize the transfer of books and documents to the University of Minnesota or any department thereof, or to any state agency. They shall adopt rules for the government of the library and the management of its affairs, and prescribe penalties for the violation thereof.

*[For text of subs 2 to 6, see M.S.1998]*

**History:** 1999 c 86 art 1 s 73

#### 480.175 QUALIFIED COURT INTERPRETERS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The supreme court, through the office of the state court administrator, shall establish a program for training, testing, registering, and certifying qualified court interpreters.

Subd. 2. **Fees.** The supreme court may adopt rules to assess fees for training, testing, registering, and certifying court interpreters. Any fees imposed and collected shall be deposited with the state treasurer and shall constitute a special fund in the state treasury. The money in this fund shall not cancel back to the general fund and is appropriated annually to the supreme court for the cost of training, testing, certifying, and registering court interpreters.

Subd. 3. **Report.** By January 15 of each year, the supreme court shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house committees and divisions with jurisdiction over criminal justice funding on the amount of fees imposed, collected, and appropriated under this section. The report must include information on how the money is being used.

**History:** 1999 c 216 art 6 s 15

#### 480.181 TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES TO JUDICIAL BRANCH.

Subdivision 1. **State employees; compensation.** (a) District court referees, judicial officers, court reporters, law clerks, district administration staff, other than district administration staff in the second and fourth judicial districts, guardian ad litem program coordinators and staff, and other court employees under paragraph (b), are state employees and are governed by the judicial branch personnel rules adopted by the supreme court. The supreme court, in consultation with the conference of chief judges, shall establish the salary range of

these employees under the judicial branch personnel rules. In establishing the salary ranges, the supreme court shall consider differences in the cost of living in different areas of the state.

(b) The court administrator and employees of the court administrator who are in the fifth, seventh, eighth, or ninth judicial district are state employees.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1998]

**History:** 1999 c 216 art 7 s 26

**NOTE:** Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 7, section 46, subdivisions 1 and 3, provide specific effective dates for the state takeover of court administrative and miscellaneous costs under subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 7, section 26.

#### 480.182 STATE ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN COURT COSTS.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the state courts will pay for the following court-related programs and costs:

- (1) court interpreter program costs;
- (2) guardian ad litem program and personnel costs;
- (3) examination costs, not including hospitalization or treatment costs, for mental commitments and related proceedings under chapter 253B;
- (4) examination costs under rule 20 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure;
- (5) in forma pauperis costs;
- (6) costs for transcripts mandated by statute, except in appeal cases and postconviction cases handled by the board of public defense; and
- (7) jury program costs, not including personnel.

(b) In counties in a judicial district under section 480.181, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), the state courts shall pay the witness fees and mileage fees specified in sections 253B.23, subdivision 1; 260B.152, subdivision 2; 260C.152, subdivision 2; 260B.331, subdivision 3, clause (a); 260C.331, subdivision 3, clause (a); 357.24; 357.32; 525.012, subdivision 5; and 627.02.

**History:** 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2; 1999 c 216 art 7 s 27

**NOTE:** Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 7, section 46, subdivision 3, provides specific effective dates for the state takeover of miscellaneous court costs under this section, as added by Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 7, section 27.