

## CHAPTER 546

## TRIALS

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**546.27 DECISION BY THE COURT.**

Subdivision 1. When an issue of fact has been tried by the court, the decision shall be in writing, the facts found and the conclusion of law shall be separately stated, and judgment shall be entered accordingly. All questions of fact and law, and all motions and matters submitted to a judge for a decision in trial and appellate matters, shall be disposed of and the decision filed with the clerk within 90 days after such submission, unless sickness or casualty shall prevent, or the time be extended by written consent of the parties. No part of the salary of any judge shall be paid unless the voucher therefor be accompanied by a certificate of the judge that there has been full compliance with the requirements of this section.

Subd. 2. The board on judicial standards shall annually review the compliance of each district, county, municipal, or probate judge with the provisions of subdivision 1. The board shall notify the commissioner of finance of each judge not in compliance. If the board finds that a judge has compelling reasons for noncompliance, it may decide not to issue the notice. Upon notification that a judge is not in compliance, the commissioner of finance shall not pay the salary of that judge. The board may cancel a notice of noncompliance upon finding that a judge is in compliance, but in no event shall a judge be paid a salary for the period in which the notification of noncompliance was in effect.

**History:** 1981 c 356 s 359

**546.42 PERSONS HANDICAPPED IN COMMUNICATION; INTERPRETERS.**

For the purposes of sections 546.42 to 546.44 a person handicapped in communication is one who, because of a hearing, speech or other communication disorder, or because of the inability to speak or comprehend the English language, is unable to understand the proceedings in which he is required to participate, or when named as a party to a legal proceeding, is unable by reason of the deficiency to obtain due process of law.

**History:** 1981 c 131 s 1

**546.44 QUALIFIED INTERPRETER.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 4. **Disclosure.** Whenever a person serves as an interpreter pursuant to sections 546.42 to 546.44, he shall not, without the consent of the person handicapped in communication, be allowed to disclose any privileged communication made by the person or any privileged information gathered from the person which was communicated or gathered during the time he was serving as the interpreter.

**History:** 1981 c 131 s 2