

## CHAPTER 480

### SUPREME COURT

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#### 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, staff court interpreters in the second judicial district, court psychological services staff in the fourth judicial district, 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. The court administrator and employees of the court administrator in the remaining judicial districts become state employees as follows:

- (1) effective July 1, 2003, for the second and fourth judicial districts;
- (2) effective July 1, 2004, for the first and third judicial districts; and
- (3) effective July 1, 2005, for the sixth and tenth judicial districts.

*[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.2000]*

**History:** *1Sp2001 c 5 art 5 s 13*

**NOTE:** The amendment to subdivision 1, paragraph (a), by Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 13, for the fourth judicial district is effective July 1, 2003. Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 13, the effective date.

#### 480.1811 POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT COSTS.

Where court administration, guardian ad litem, or interpreter employees elect to retain county insurance benefits under section 480.181 after July 1, 2001, and the county provides those employees post-retirement insurance benefits prior to July 1, 2001, the county shall pay the post-retirement cost of those benefits.

**History:** *1Sp2001 c 5 art 5 s 14*

#### 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, including the costs of hiring court interpreters;
- (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:** *1Sp2001 c 8 art 5 s 10*

#### **480.183 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; SCHEDULED DATES OF STATE TRANSFER; DEFINITION OF SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Date of state transfer.** The court administration expenditures as defined in this section for the remaining judicial districts shall be transferred to the state according to the following schedule:

- (1) effective July 1, 2003, the second and fourth judicial districts;
- (2) effective July 1, 2004, the first and third judicial districts; and
- (3) effective July 1, 2005, the sixth and tenth judicial districts.

Subd. 2. **Definition; salary expenditures.** "Salary expenditures" means the salary of court administration employees, including salaries, related fringe benefits, and insurance, granted to court and other county employees in collective bargaining or county pay plans.

Subd. 3. **Definition; court administration expenditures.** "Court administration expenditures" means the total expenditures of (1) salary expenditures as defined under subdivision 2 and (2) other related administrative operating expenditures.

Subd. 4. **Definition; mandated court services.** "Mandated court services" means services for:

- (1) guardian ad litem;
- (2) interpreter;
- (3) Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.0900 to 9525.1020 (rule 20);
- (4) civil commitment examination, not including hospitalization or treatment costs, for mental commitments and related proceedings under chapter 253B; and
- (5) in forma pauperis costs.

**History:** *1Sp2001 c 5 art 5 s 15*