

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

The Nebraska Supreme Court considered proposed new rules, Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1474, 6-1528, and 6-1707, relating to emergency modified court operations. The Supreme Court directed that the proposed rules be published for a public comment period.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed rules. Anyone desiring to comment on the proposed rules should do so in writing to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8910, or via e-mail to [wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov](mailto:wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov), **with the rule section(s) listed in the subject line**, no later than November 15, 2021.

The full text of the proposed rules is available below, or a paper copy may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals upon request.

### CHAPTER 6: TRIAL COURTS

#### Article 14: Uniform County Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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#### **§ 6-1474. Emergency Modified Court Operations.**

(A) On or before January 1, 2022, the county court, district court, and separate juvenile court judges within each judicial district shall jointly adopt a local rule setting out the procedures governing emergency modified court operations in their judicial district.

(B) Such local rule shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing criteria for how the judicial district will determine when emergency modified court operations should be implemented, and when normal court operations should resume;

(2) Listing the stakeholders within the judicial district to include in planning and implementing any emergency modified court operations.

(3) Identifying who within the judicial district will coordinate and facilitate communication with the group of justice stakeholders to plan and implement any emergency modified court operations plan;

(4) Listing all mission essential functions to be considered and addressed in any emergency modified court operations plan; and

(5) Identifying how court users and the public will be informed when emergency modified court operations are implemented and when they are discontinued.

(C) Such local rule shall be governed by § 6-1448.

**Article 15: Uniform District Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.**

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**§ 6-1528. Emergency Modified Court Operations.**

(A) On or before January 1, 2022, the county court, district court, and separate juvenile court judges within each judicial district shall jointly adopt a local rule setting out the procedures governing emergency modified court operations in their judicial district.

(B) Such local rule shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing criteria for how the judicial district will determine when emergency modified court operations should be implemented, and when normal court operations should resume;

(2) Listing the stakeholders within the judicial district to include in planning and implementing any emergency modified court operations.

(3) Identifying who within the judicial district will coordinate and facilitate communication with the group of justice stakeholders to plan and implement any emergency modified court operations plan;

(4) Listing all mission essential functions to be considered and addressed in any emergency modified court operations plan; and

(5) Identifying how court users and the public will be informed when emergency modified court operations are implemented and when they are discontinued.

(C) Such local rule shall be governed by § 6-1501.

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**Article 17: Uniform Separate Juvenile Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.**

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**§ 6-1707. Emergency Modified Court Operations.**

(A) On or before January 1, 2022, the county court, district court, and separate juvenile court judges within each judicial district shall jointly adopt a local rule setting out the procedures governing emergency modified court operations in their judicial district.

(B) Such local rule shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing criteria for how the judicial district will determine when emergency modified court operations should be implemented, and when normal court operations should resume;

(2) Listing the stakeholders within the judicial district to include in planning and implementing any emergency modified court operations.

(3) Identifying who within the judicial district will coordinate and facilitate communication with the group of justice stakeholders to plan and implement any emergency modified court operations plan;

(4) Listing all mission essential functions to be considered and addressed in any emergency modified court operations plan; and

(5) Identifying how court users and the public will be informed when emergency modified court operations are implemented and when they are discontinued.

(C) Such local rule shall be governed by § 6-1702.