

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

On September 11, 2014, the Interpreter Advisory Committee submitted to the Nebraska Supreme Court proposed rule amendments to Neb. Ct. R. § 6-703(E), “Number of Interpreters.” The proposed amendments determine the number of interpreters to be appointed in a single court proceeding and set forth rest periods for language and sign interpreters in court proceedings.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed amendments. Anyone desiring to comment on the proposed amendments 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 jill.machacek@nebraska.gov, no later than October 24, 2014.

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

§ 6-703. Appointment of interpreters.

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(E) Number of Interpreters. For any single proceeding ~~that is scheduled for more than one-half day~~ 3 hours or more, two language interpreters shall be appointed. For any single proceeding ~~that is scheduled for more than one~~ 1 hour, two sign interpreters shall be appointed. For any single proceeding lasting more than 2 hours, if two interpreters are not reasonably available, the interpreter must be given not less than a 10-minute break every 30 minutes.

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