

# **Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy**

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## I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch to equitably and consistently create, retain, and fund referee positions to ensure adequate access to the courts and effective judicial administration. This policy applies to all judicial districts in the State of Minnesota and shall be administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §2.722 and §484.70.

#### **II. PROCEDURES**

## A. EMPLOYEE REFEREE CREATION & RETENTION

Judicial Districts seeking to create or fill a vacant referee position shall petition the Minnesota Supreme Court in accordance with the process established for judicial vacancies per Minnesota Statute §2.722 (4). The appointment and service of referee positions will be consistent with Minnesota Statute §484.70.

#### **B. REFEREE FUNDING**

Referee positions approved by the Minnesota Supreme Court will be funded as a unique cost in the trial court funding formula.

- **C. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS** Not applicable.
- **D. REFERENCES** Not Applicable.
- **E. APPENDICES** Not Applicable.