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In the Iowa Supreme Court

**In the Matter of Adopting State
Court Administration's
Proposed Amendments to
Chapter 47, Court Interpreter
and Translator Rules**)
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Order

On March 9, 2020, the Iowa Supreme Court requested public comment on proposed amendments to Chapter 47, Court Interpreter and Translator Rules. Upon close of the public comment period and further consideration of the proposed amendments, the court adopts amendments as provided with this order to be effective October 1, 2020.

The amendments include:

- Establishing a procedure for applying for an interpreter in an appellate case.
- Clarifying one of the exceptions to the priorities for selecting a court interpreter.
- Expanding the use of remote audio and video interpreter services.
- Modifying the procedure for appointing remote interpreters for initial appearances in criminal cases.
- Requiring defined roles in court orders appointing interpreters.
- Clarifying the criteria for a voluntary waiver of separate interpreters for separate limited English proficient parties in a case.
- Adding additional procedures with respect to the use of multiple interpreters for a proceeding.
- Eliminating the annual continuing education reporting fee for interpreters.
- Requiring more detail when submitting an application for written translation of court-related materials and expanding the role of district

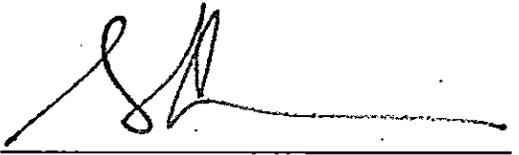
court administration in the location, selection, and payment of translators for these materials.

- Establishing new procedures for the interpretation of legally binding documents.

The amendments to the Iowa Court Rules provided with this order are effective October 1, 2020.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2020.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By 

Susan Christensen, Chief Justice

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