

**602.1204 Procedures for judicial branch.**

1. The supreme court shall prescribe procedures for the orderly and efficient supervision and administration of the judicial branch. These procedures shall be executed by the chief justice.

2. The state court administrator may issue directives relating to the management of the judicial branch. The subject matters of these directives shall include, but need not be limited to, fiscal procedures, the judicial retirement system, and the collection and reporting of statistical and other data. The directives shall provide for an affirmative action plan which shall be based upon guidelines provided by the Iowa state civil rights commission. In addition, when establishing salaries and benefits the state court administrator shall not discriminate in the employment or pay between employees on the basis of gender by paying wages to employees at a rate less than the rate at which wages are paid to employees of the opposite gender for work of comparable worth. As used in this section “*comparable worth*” means the value of work as measured by the composite of the skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions normally required in the performance of work.

3. The supreme court shall compile and publish all procedures and directives relating to the supervision and administration of the internal affairs of the judicial branch, and shall distribute a copy of the compilation and all amendments to each operating component of the judicial branch.

4. The supreme court shall accept bids for the printing of court forms from both public and private enterprises and shall attempt to contract with both public and private enterprises for a reasonable portion of the court forms.

83 Acts, ch 186, §1204, 10201; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §37; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §43, 49; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §271