

**222.16A Judicial proceedings.**

1. The chief judge of a judicial district may appoint one or more judicial hospitalization referees for each county in the district to discharge the duties imposed on the court by this chapter. The judicial hospitalization qualification provisions of section 229.21 shall apply to referees appointed under this section in performing duties pursuant to this chapter. An order or findings by a referee pursuant to this chapter may be appealed to a judge of the district court by filing notice with the clerk of the district court within seven days after the findings or order is made, and hearing by the district court shall be de novo. The court shall schedule a hearing before a district judge at the earliest practicable time.

2. The juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction in any court proceedings concerning a minor pursuant to this chapter.

95 Acts, ch 82, §10