

**602.6603 Court reporters.**

1. Each district judge shall appoint a court reporter who shall, upon the request of a party in a civil or criminal case, report the evidence and proceedings in the case, and perform all duties as provided by law.

2. Each district associate judge may appoint a court reporter, subject to the approval of the chief judge of the judicial district.

3. If a chief judge of a judicial district determines that it is necessary to employ an additional court reporter because of an extraordinary volume of work, or because of the temporary illness or incapacity of a regular court reporter, the chief judge may appoint a temporary court reporter who shall serve as required by the chief judge.

4. If a regularly appointed court reporter becomes disabled, or if a vacancy occurs in a regularly appointed court reporter position, the judge may appoint a competent uncertified shorthand reporter for a period of time of up to six months, upon verification by the chief judge that a diligent but unsuccessful search has been conducted to appoint a certified shorthand reporter to the position and, in a disability case, that the regularly appointed court reporter is disabled. An uncertified shorthand reporter shall not be reappointed to the position unless the reporter becomes a certified shorthand reporter within the period of appointment under [this subsection](#).

5. Except as provided in [subsection 4](#), a person shall not be appointed to the position of court reporter of the district court unless the person has been certified as a shorthand reporter by the board of examiners under [article 3](#).

6. Each court reporter shall take an oath faithfully to perform the duties of office, which shall be filed in the office of the clerk of district court.

7. A court reporter may be removed for cause with due process by the judicial officer making the appointment.

8. If a judge dies, resigns, retires, is removed from office, becomes disabled, or fails to be retained in office and the judicial vacancy is eligible to be filled, the court reporter appointed by the judge shall serve as a court reporter, as directed by the chief judge or the chief judge's designee, until the successor judge appoints a successor court reporter. The court reporter shall receive the reporter's regular salary and benefits during the period of time until a successor court reporter is appointed or until the currently appointed court reporter is reappointed.

[83 Acts, ch 186, §7603, 10201; 85 Acts, ch 197, §15, 16; 89 Acts, ch 110, §1; 2000 Acts, ch 1057, §12](#)

Referred to in [§602.3201](#), [602.3205](#)

For provisions authorizing policies and procedures that may be contrary to the requirements of subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7, in order to efficiently and effectively administer justice throughout the state for each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, see 2017 Acts, ch 166, §14