

**622B.1 Definitions — rules.**

1. As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

a. “*Administrative agency*” means any department, board, commission, or agency of the state or any political subdivision of the state.

b. “*Deaf person*” means an individual who uses sign language as the person’s primary mode of communication and who may use interpreters to facilitate communication.

c. “*Hard-of-hearing person*” means an individual who is unable to hear and distinguish sounds within normal conversational range and who needs to use speechreading, assistive listening devices, or oral interpreters to facilitate communication.

d. “*Interpreter*” means an oral interpreter or sign language interpreter.

e. “*Oral interpreter*” means an interpreter who is fluent in transliterating, paraphrasing, and voicing.

f. “*Sign language interpreter*” means an interpreter who is able to interpret from sign language to English and English to sign language.

2. The supreme court, after consultation with the department of human rights, shall adopt rules governing the qualifications and compensation of interpreters appearing in a proceeding before a court, grand jury, or administrative agency under [this chapter](#). However, an administrative agency which is subject to [chapter 17A](#) may adopt rules differing from those of the supreme court governing the qualifications and compensation of interpreters appearing in proceedings before that agency.

[C81, §622B.1]

[85 Acts, ch 131, §1](#); [88 Acts, ch 1134, §108](#); [93 Acts, ch 75, §7](#)

Referred to in [§321.189](#), [321.190](#), [804.31](#)

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