

602.1401 Personnel system.

1. The supreme court shall establish, and may amend, a personnel system and a pay and benefits plan for court employees. The personnel system shall include a designation by position title, classification, and function of each position or class of positions within the judicial branch. Reasonable efforts shall be made to accommodate the individual staffing and management practices of the respective clerks of the district court. The personnel system, in the employment of court employees, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, physical disability, or political party preference. The supreme court, in establishing the personnel system, shall implement the comparable worth directives issued by the state court administrator under [section 602.1204, subsection 2](#). The personnel system shall include the prohibitions against sexual harassment of full-time, part-time, and temporary employees set out in [section 19B.12](#), and shall include a grievance procedure for discriminatory harassment. The personnel system shall develop and distribute at the time of hiring or orientation, a guide that describes for employees the applicable sexual harassment prohibitions and grievance, violation, and disposition procedures. [This subsection](#) does not supersede the remedies provided under [chapter 216](#).

2. The supreme court shall compile and publish all documents that establish the personnel system, and shall distribute a copy of the compilation and all amendments to each operating component of the judicial branch.

3. *a.* The state court administrator is the public employer of judicial branch employees for purposes of [chapter 20](#), relating to public employment relations.

b. For purposes of [chapter 20](#), the certified representative, which on July 1, 1983, represents employees who become judicial branch employees as a result of [1983 Iowa Acts, ch. 186](#), shall remain the certified representative when the employees become judicial branch employees and thereafter, unless the public employee organization is not retained and recertified or is decertified in an election held under [section 20.15](#) or amended or absorbed into another certified organization pursuant to [chapter 20](#). Collective bargaining negotiations shall be conducted on a statewide basis and the certified employee organizations which engage in bargaining shall negotiate on a statewide basis, although bargaining units shall be organized by judicial district. The employment appeal board shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to implement [this subsection](#).

4. The supreme court may establish reasonable classes of employees and a pay and benefits plan for the classes of employees as necessary to accomplish the purposes of the personnel system.

5. The pay and benefits plan shall set the compensation and benefits of court employees within the funds appropriated by the general assembly.

6. The benefits plan established by the supreme court may provide for benefits to court employees not covered under a collective bargaining agreement entered into pursuant to [chapter 20](#), notwithstanding any contrary provision of [section 70A.1](#) or [70A.23](#), consistent with benefits provided to court employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement entered into with the state court administrator pursuant to [chapter 20](#).

[83 Acts, ch 186, §1401, 10201; 85 Acts, ch 117, §1; 91 Acts, ch 116, §6; 92 Acts, ch 1086, §4; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §48; 2000 Acts, ch 1057, §6 – 9; 2013 Acts, ch 30, §261; 2017 Acts, ch 2, §24, 26, 27; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §349](#)

Referred to in [§602.1502](#)

Subsection 3, paragraph b amended