

**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 sign language 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 other reasonable accommodations to facilitate communication.

d. “*Sign language interpreter*” means a person who is able to interpret from sign language into an oral language and from an oral language into sign language.

2. The supreme court, after consultation with the department of health and human services, shall adopt rules governing the qualifications and compensation of sign language interpreters appearing in a legal proceeding or before an 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 sign language 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](#); [2021 Acts, ch 77, §13](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §1272](#)

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

Rules adopted by the supreme court are published in the compilation “Iowa Court Rules”

Subsection 2 amended