

CHAPTER 66

COURT REPORTING — ADOPTION HEARINGS — APPOINTMENTS OF UNCERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

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AN ACT relating to court reporters, including the reporting of adoption hearings and uncertified shorthand reporter appointments.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 600.12, subsection 1](#), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. An adoption hearing shall be conducted informally as a hearing in equity. The hearing shall be reported or electronically recorded.

Sec. 2. [Section 602.6603, subsection 4](#), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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~~ one year, 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](#).

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