

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

The Nebraska Supreme Court considered proposed amendments to Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1448, 6-1501, and 6-1702, to add language for local administrative orders.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed rule amendments. Anyone desiring to submit a public comment for the Supreme Court's consideration should do so via email to joshua.shasserre@nejudicial.gov, with the following text listed in the email subject line: **Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1448, 6-1501, and 6-1702**. Comments will be accepted through May 4, 2026.

The full text of the proposal is available below. To obtain a paper copy, please call the Clerk's Office at 402-471-3731.

CHAPTER 6: TRIAL COURTS

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Article 14: Uniform County Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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§ 6-1448. Local rules and local administrative orders.

(A) Each county court by action of a majority of its judges may from time to time recommend other local rules not inconsistent with these rules nor inconsistent with any directive of the Supreme Court or statutes of the State of Nebraska. Such recommended rules shall be submitted as provided in Neb. Ct. R. § 1-103(A). Any such recommended rule shall not become effective until approved by the Supreme Court. Such approved rule or rules shall be published on the Nebraska Judicial Branch website.

(B) A presiding judge, or his or her designee, may from time to time enter administrative orders governing special circumstances affecting local practice in the courts of the district or specific county. Such administrative orders shall be temporary in nature and shall clearly state a date or other event wherein the order shall terminate. Local administrative orders should not be used for matters that could effectively be addressed by a local rule. Absent special circumstances, local administrative orders shall not remain in effect for more than 12 consecutive months. Local administrative orders

that necessitate a period longer than 12 consecutive months shall be proposed for a permanent local rule as set forth in subsection (A).

(C) Such local administrative orders shall be posted in the courthouse and on the local court website, if any. Courts may send local administrative orders to the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for posting on the Nebraska Judicial Branch website.

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Article 15: Uniform District Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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§ 6-1501. Local rules and local administrative orders.

(A) Each district court by action of a majority of its judges may from time to time recommend local rules concerning matters not covered by these rules and which are not inconsistent with any directive of the Nebraska Supreme Court or statutes of the State of Nebraska. Such recommended rules shall be submitted as provided in Neb. Ct. R. § 1-103(A). Such recommended rules shall become effective upon the approval of the Supreme Court, at which time they shall be published on the Supreme Court's website.

(B) A presiding judge, or his or her designee, may from time to time enter administrative orders governing special circumstances affecting local practice in the courts of the district or specific county. Such administrative orders shall be temporary in nature and shall clearly state a date or other event wherein the order shall terminate. Local administrative orders should not be used for matters that could effectively be addressed by a local rule. Absent special circumstances, local administrative orders shall not remain in effect for more than 12 consecutive months. Local administrative orders that necessitate a period longer than 12 consecutive months shall be proposed for a permanent local rule as set forth in subsection (A).

(C) Such local administrative orders shall be posted in the courthouse and on the local court website, if any. Courts may send local administrative orders to the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for posting on the Supreme Court's website.

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Article 17: Uniform Separate Juvenile Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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§ 6-1702. Local Rules and local administrative orders.

Each separate juvenile court by action of a majority of its judges may from time to time recommend other local rules not inconsistent with these rules nor inconsistent with any directive of the Supreme Court or statutes of the State of Nebraska. Such recommended rules shall be submitted as provided in Neb. Ct. R. § 1-103(A). Such recommended rules shall become effective upon approval by the Supreme Court, at which time they shall be published on the Nebraska Supreme Court's website.

(B) A presiding judge, or his or her designee, may from time to time enter administrative orders governing special circumstances affecting local practice in the courts of the district or specific county. Such administrative orders shall be temporary in nature and shall clearly state a date or other event wherein the order shall terminate. Local administrative orders should not be used for matters that could effectively be addressed by a local rule. Absent special circumstances, local administrative orders shall not remain in effect for more than 12 consecutive months. Local administrative orders that necessitate a period longer than 12 consecutive months shall be proposed for a permanent local rule as set forth in subsection (A).

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