

Proposed Amendments to Supreme Court Rule 1701

The Kansas Supreme Court is accepting comment on proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule 1701. The amendments would make the terms of service for Language Access Committee members consistent with the terms of service for members of the Access to Justice Committee and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Council. The amendments would also improve rule readability.

Changes are shown using strikethrough for deletion and underlining new language.

Comments may be submitted to publiccomments@kscourts.org with "Rule 1701" in the subject line until 5 p.m., Sunday May 5, 2019.

RULE 1701

LANGUAGE ACCESS COMMITTEE

- (a) **Purpose.** A language access committee is established to make recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding the development and administration of a comprehensive language access program. The goal of the program is to further accessibility to the Kansas courts by persons with limited English proficiency.
- (b) **Membership.** The committee is composed of not more than 12 members.
- (c) **Appointment.** The Supreme Court appoints the committee members.
- (d) **Terms.** The terms of the inaugural members of the committee will be staggered. At the expiration of each inaugural member's term, the term of each succeeding member will be 3 years. No member of the committee will be eligible for more than two consecutive 3-year terms. A member appointed to complete an unexpired term will be eligible to serve ~~one~~ two more consecutive 3-year terms. A member is eligible for one or more additional terms after a break in service.
- (e) **OJA Representative and Liaison Justice.**
 - (1) In addition to the members described in subsection (b):
 - (A) there will be a permanent, nonvoting seat on the committee for a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration; and
 - (B) the chief justice of the Supreme Court will designate a liaison justice to the committee.
 - (2) The persons serving on the committee under paragraph (e)(1) are not subject to a term limit under subsection (d).

[History: New rule adopted effective May 2, 2014; Am. effective July 1, 2016.]