

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to civil law; authorizing referees to preside over conciliation courts;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 491A.03, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 491A.03, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Judges; referees.** The judges of district court ~~shall~~ may serve as
1.8 judges of conciliation court. ~~In the Second and Fourth Judicial Districts,~~ A majority of
1.9 the judges of ~~the~~ a district may appoint one or more suitable persons to act as referees in
1.10 conciliation court; a majority of the judges of the district shall establish qualifications for
1.11 the office, specify the duties and length of service of referees, and fix their compensation
1.12 not to exceed an amount per day determined by the chief judge of the judicial district.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.