

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO RULE 22  
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT**

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**No. ADM2018-01896**

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**ORDER**

The Court is considering amending Rule 22 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The proposed amendments are contained in the Appendix to this Order.

The Court hereby solicits written comments on the proposed amendments from judges, lawyers, bar associations, members of the public, and any other interested parties. The deadline for submitting written comments is Friday, November 16, 2018. Written comments should be emailed to [appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov](mailto:appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov) or mailed to:

James Hivner, Clerk  
Re: Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 22  
Tennessee Appellate Courts  
100 Supreme Court Building  
401 7th Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

and should include the docket number set out above. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. In addition, this order, including the Appendix, shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

**APPENDIX**

**AMENDMENTS TO TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 22**  
**[New text is indicated by underlining/Deleted text is indicated by striking]**

**Rule 22. Appointment of ~~Referees~~Magistrates in Child Support Cases.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-5-402(b)(4), the terms and conditions of the appointment of ~~referees~~magistrates in child support cases, as magistrates are defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-5-401(2), shall be prescribed by rule of the Supreme Court.

When the appointment of a ~~referee~~magistrate is required and authorized by the Court, the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall so notify the presiding judge of the judicial district (or in counties having a metropolitan form of government, the director shall notify the trial court judge who hears more than 50% of the child support and domestic relations cases in such judicial district) and the appointment shall be made by the presiding judge in conformity with Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-5-402. The appointment of ~~referees~~magistrates in juvenile court shall not be governed by this provision but shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 1 of Title 37.

The director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice, shall determine the terms and conditions of the appointment of the ~~referee~~magistrate for the purpose of hearing child support cases. Such terms and conditions of ~~referee~~magistrate appointment, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-5-402(b)(4), shall include, but not be limited to, the rate of compensation to be paid, reimbursement of expenses, and whether the position shall be full time or part time.