

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT  
C9-85-1506

OFFICE OF  
APPELLATE COURTS

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FILED

**IN RE VACANCY CERTIFICATION  
AND RECHAMBERING**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 2.722, subdivision 4, requires the Supreme Court to determine whether a judicial office is necessary for effective judicial administration or for adequate access to the courts upon the death, resignation, retirement, or removal of a district judge from office; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge David E. Christensen of Pipestone Minnesota has announced his retirement effective March 4, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge George I. Harrelson of Lyon County has announced his retirement effective June 2, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the judges of the Fifth Judicial District have proposed a rechambering plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Weighted Caseload Study delineation of judicial need indicates the need for a judgeship in Watonwan County and a combined need for two judgeships in Lincoln and Lyon Counties;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David E. Christenson be certified to the governor as necessary for effective judicial administration and adequate access to the courts. The judge appointed to fill this vacancy shall be chambered in St. James, Minnesota in Watonwan County.

The vacancy created by the retirement of Judge George I. Harrelson is hereby certified to the governor as necessary for effective judicial administration and adequate access to the courts.

The judge appointed to fill this vacancy shall be chambered in the county seat of both Lincoln and Lyon Counties.

The chambers of Judge Leland O. Bush from and after June 2, 2008 shall be designated as the county seat of both Lincoln and Lyon Counties.

Where a judge is officially chambered in more than one county, the chambers closest to the residence of the judge shall be used as the location from which mileage is calculated for purposes of reimbursement.

**DATED** January 8, 2008



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Russell A. Anderson  
Chief Justice