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APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8017

**IN RE JUDICIAL VACANCY IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

We have the authority to certify a vacancy in a judicial office to the governor, *see* Minnesota Statutes § 2.722, subdivision 4 (2016), and under Minnesota Statutes § 480.22 (2016), we may designate the location of chambers in a judicial district. The Third Judicial District has requested that we certify the vacancy that will result upon the retirement of the Honorable Jeffrey D. Thompson, currently chambered in Winona County, and has also requested that the vacant judicial chambers in Winona County be transferred to Olmsted County. The Third Judicial District has committed to equalizing judicial resources in Winona County if the transfer is ordered, recognizing the continuing need for judicial services in that county.

We have considered the weighted caseload information regarding the relative judicial needs of the Third Judicial District, the input of Third Judicial District judges and administration regarding the efficient use and equalization of judicial resources, and principles of effective judicial administration and adequate access to the courts. We will make a final decision on the vacancy certification and chambers location after reviewing any public input on these matters.

Based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that any person or organization wishing to provide written comments regarding the proposed chambers location for the upcoming vacancy in Winona County in the Third Judicial District shall file one copy of those comments with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, using E-MACS (the appellate courts' electronic filing application) if required to do so, *see* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 125.01(a)(1). All comments must be filed so as to be received on or before April 5, 2018, including any comments that are filed outside of the E-MACS system.

Dated: March 15, 2018

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorie S. Gildea".

Lorie S. Gildea  
Chief Justice