STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT FILE NO. 50449 10 sapanas

In re Hearing on the Redistricting of the Seventh Judicial District

## ORDER

WHEREAS, the judges of the Seventh Judicial District have submitted to the Supreme Court a plan to redistrict the county court districts in the western six counties of said district, and

WHEREAS, said redistricting plan was submitted on behalf of the Supreme Court to the Subcommittee on Redistricting of the Minnesota Judicial Planning Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Kalina, Chairman of the said redistricting subcommittee, has made recommendations on behalf of the subcommittee to the Supreme Court regarding this matter, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has ordered that a hearing on the redistricting plan of the Seventh Judicial District be held in the Supreme Court chambers in the State Capitol in Saint Paul, Minnesota, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 1979, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has ordered that advance notice of the hearing be given by the publication of its Order of August 16, 1979 in the Supreme Court edition of <u>Finance and Commerce</u>, the <u>Saint Paul Legal Ledger</u> and <u>Bench and Bar</u>, and WHEREAS, the above Order has been complied with and a hearing on the said redistricting plan has been held on October 4, 1979, Judge Gerald W. Kalina, Mr. Roger Nierengarten and Mr. John C. Quam making presentations, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court recognizes and accepts the responsibility conferred upon the court by Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 487.01, subdivision 6, and by promulgating this Order intends to discharge its obligations under the law, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Minnesota Supreme Court that, wherever possible, judges of county court should be elected by and be responsible to persons in the counties in which they reside by maintaining chambers in the counties of their residence, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Minnesota Supreme Court that, wherever possible, judicial resources should be allocated in such a way that each county in a judicial district shall have at least one county court judge resident therein before any other county in the judicial district shall have two or more resident county court judges,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the county court districts of the western six counties of the Seventh Judicial District are constituted as follows:

District A: Clay, Becker and Otter Tail Counties; and District B: Douglas, Todd and Wadena Counties.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the two county court judges formerly serving Grant County prior to the December 22, 1978 Supreme Court Order assigning said judges indefinitely to the Seventh Judicial District shall be elected from the county court district comprised of Douglas, Todd and Wadena Counties upon the expiration of their present terms.

Dated: October (2) 1979

BY THE COURT Justice Jan Associate Justice

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