

**20-310b. Temporary judges.** (a) Upon stipulation of the parties to an action, the court may order the action to be heard and determined by a temporary judge who is a retired justice of the supreme court, retired judge of the court of appeals or retired judge of the district court. Such temporary judge shall be sworn and empowered to act as judge in the action until its final determination.

(b) Any action before a temporary judge pursuant to this section shall be conducted in the same manner as any other action before a judge of the district court and any order entered by such temporary judge may be appealed and enforced in the same manner as a similar order of a judge of the district court.

(c) If a person acting as temporary judge pursuant to this section is a retired district magistrate judge, the powers and jurisdiction of such temporary judge shall be limited to the powers and jurisdiction of a district magistrate judge and appeals of orders of such temporary judge shall be governed by the laws governing appeals from orders of district magistrate judges.

(d) The court shall fix the compensation of a temporary judge acting pursuant to this section and such compensation shall be charged against any or all parties to the action, or paid out of any fund or subject matter of the action which is in the custody of the court, as directed by the court.

**History:** L. 1986, ch. 114, § 1; L. 1999, ch. 159, § 2; July 1.