

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 22: Criminal Procedure

Chapter 25: Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 1278. Interpreters for deaf mutes—Appointment—Oath—Compensation

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A. In all criminal prosecutions, where the accused is a deaf mute, he shall have all of the proceedings of the trial interpreted to him in a language that he can understand by a qualified interpreter appointed by the Court from a list of names submitted by the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf.

B. In all cases where the mental condition of a person is being considered and where such person may be committed to a mental institution, and where such person is a deaf mute, all of the court proceedings, pertaining to him, shall be interpreted to him in a language that he understands by a qualified interpreter appointed by the Court.

C. Interpreters who shall be appointed under the terms of this act shall be required to take an oath that they will make a true interpretation to the person accused or being examined, which person is a deaf mute, of all the proceedings of his case in a language that he understands; and that he will repeat said deaf mute's answers to questions to Council, Court, or jury, in the English language, in his best skill and judgment.

D. Interpreters appointed under the terms of this act shall be paid for their services a sum to be determined by the Court.

Historical Data

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