

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 09-03

In the matter of creation of Wis. Stat. § 887.27, Wis. Stat. § 901.08, and Supreme Court Rule 70.155, relating to the submission of evidence originating in a language other than English.

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Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On May 26, 2009, the Director of State Courts, A. John Voelker, petitioned this court to create Wis. Stat. § 887.27, Wis. Stat. § 901.08, and Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 70.155, relating to the submission of evidence originating in a language other than English. On November 2, 2009, the court conducted a public hearing in this matter. The Honorable Ralph M. Ramirez presented the petition to the court. At the hearing, Attorney Andrew Chevrez, a representative of the Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association (WHLA), requested additional time to respond to the petition.

At the ensuing open administrative conference, the court held the matter to permit the WHLA to respond.

The Honorable Juan Colás and the Honorable Elsa Lamelas provided written comments to the petition on November 20, 2009. The WHLA filed its written response to the petition on December 1, 2009. By letter dated December 30, 2009, this court asked the petitioner to consult with the WHLA and Judges Colás

and Lamelas and file a written response to the concerns raised in their letters by February 1, 2010.

By letter dated January 29, 2010, the petitioner advised the court that it is engaged in discussions with the interested parties. The petitioner seeks to ensure that all interested parties, including the Committee to Improve Interpretation and Translation in the Wisconsin Courts, have sufficient time to evaluate possible modifications to the petition. Accordingly, the petitioner requests an extension of time until March 15, 2010, to provide the court with an amended version of the petition that has wider support from all interested individuals and groups.

IT IS ORDERED that the petitioner's request for an extension of time is granted, and the petitioner may file an amended petition by March 15, 2010. Rule Petition 09-03 is held in abeyance until further order of the court.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 4th day of February, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

David R. Schanker
Clerk of Supreme Court

