

CANNOT READILY UNDERSTAND OR COMMUNICATE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, ANY PARTY MAY APPLY TO THE COURT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED INTERPRETER TO ASSIST THAT PERSON.

(B) COMPENSATION.

ANY INTERPRETER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED COMPENSATION THE COURT DEEMS REASONABLE. IT IS DISCRETIONARY WITH THE COURT TO TAX, AS PART OF THE COSTS OF THE CASE, AMOUNTS PAID TO AN INTERPRETER FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES. OTHERWISE THE AMOUNT SHALL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROCEEDINGS WERE INITIATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 35, §13B.

This section enacted in 1969 is revised as to style and shortened by the elimination of unnecessary language.

The provisions of this section apply to both civil and criminal cases.

SEC. 9-115. CHARACTER WITNESS.

[[IF TESTIMONY AS TO CHARACTER IS ADMISSIBLE, A PERSON MAY TESTIFY CONCERNING HIS OPINION OF ANOTHER PERSON'S CHARACTER IF HE HAS AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR FORMING AN OPINION.]]

WHERE CHARACTER EVIDENCE IS OTHERWISE RELEVANT TO THE PROCEEDING, NO PERSON OFFERED AS A CHARACTER WITNESS WHO HAS AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR FORMING AN OPINION AS TO ANOTHER PERSON'S CHARACTER SHALL HEREAFTER BE EXCLUDED FROM GIVING EVIDENCE BASED ON PERSONAL OPINION TO PROVE CHARACTER, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY DEPOSITION, IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING, CIVIL OR CRIMINAL, IN ANY COURT OR BEFORE ANY JUDGE, OR JURY OF THIS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 35, §13C.

SEC. 9-116. DEAD MAN'S STATUTE.

A PARTY TO A PROCEEDING BY OR AGAINST A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE, OR LEGATEE, OR BY OR AGAINST AN INCOMPETENT PERSON, MAY