

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

APR 10 2001

Shirley A. Johnson Long
Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF
SDCL OF 15-39-48

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RULE 01-7

A hearing was held on March 20, 2001, at Vermillion, South Dakota, relating to the amendment of SDCL 15-39-48, and the Court considered the proposed amendment, and oral presentation relating thereto, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that SDCL 15-39-48 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

15-39-48 Plaintiff's statement of claim to clerk-Entry in docket-Signature-Contents-Beginning action.

The plaintiff initiating the action or the plaintiff's attorney shall complete the information on the small claims form available in the clerk of courts office, and provide a written and signed statement of the cause of action to the clerk who shall docket the action. The statement must contain the facts upon which the claim is based and be accompanied by supporting documents. A cause of action is defined as a claim arising out of the same transaction or incident. Multiple claims or causes of action by multiple parties may be brought against a defendant, or against defendants provided liability is joint and several. The docketing by the clerk shall be deemed the beginning of the action.

It IS FURTHERED ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 2001

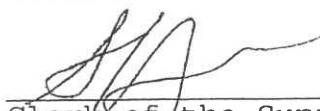
DATED at Pierre, South Dakota this 10th day of April, 2001.

BY THE COURT:



Robert A. Miller, Chief Justice

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Supreme Court
(SEAL)