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(1) The courts of this state may, at the request of all parties to any civil controversy (other than annulment, divorce, and adoption), endeavor to effect an amicable settlement of the controversy and to that end shall invite the other party or parties to the controversy to appear before the justice or judge for an informal hearing. At the request of any party to the controversy, the justice or judge shall extend an invitation to attend the informal hearing to such traditional leader or leaders as in custom and tradition would be involved in the settlement of such disputes between the particular parties to the controversy. In the event one or more traditional leaders are invited to the hearing, the justice or judge shall accord such leaders due recognition and respect in the manner of invitation and in the conduct of the hearing as is becoming their titles and offices in traditional affairs.

(2) A request for a conciliation proceeding shall be made in court within whose territorial jurisdiction the other party or the largest number of other parties live or have their usual places of business or employment, or in the instance that traditional leaders are invited, in the court whose location is most convenient to the traditional leaders.

(3) If an agreement in settlement of the controversy is reached, the justice or judge shall reduce it to writing, and his report of the settlement agreement, when signed by the parties, shall have the force and effect of a judgment even though the subject matter of the controversy may be beyond the jurisdiction of the court for purposes other than conciliation. The court shall assist the traditional leaders, where requested by the leaders, in providing traditional recognition or affirmation of the settlement.

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