

**30-3-17 Power and jurisdiction of judge.**

- (1) The judge of a district court may:
  - (a) counsel either spouse or both;
  - (b) in the judge's discretion require one or both spouses to appear before the judge;
  - (c) in those counties where a domestic relations counselor has been appointed pursuant to this chapter, require the spouses to file a petition for conciliation and to appear before the counselor; or
  - (d) recommend the aid of:
    - (i) a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social service worker, or other specialists or scientific expert; or
    - (ii) the pastor, bishop, or presiding officer of any religious denomination to which the parties may belong.
- (2) The power and jurisdiction granted by this chapter is in addition to, and not in limitation of, that presently exercised by the district courts.

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