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CHAPTER 149, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to amend 971.20 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to time to request a substitution of judges.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

971.20 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

- 971.20 (1) The defendant may file with the clerk a written request for a substitution of a new judge for the judge assigned to the trial of that case. Such request shall be signed by the defendant personally and shall be made before making any motion or before arraignment, except that whenever a new judge is assigned to a case in place of the original judge, other than under this section, then a request for a substitution of judges may be made at any time before making any motion before such new judge or before commencement of any proceeding before such new judge.
- (2) Upon the filing of such request in proper form and within the proper time the judge named in the request shall be without authority to act further in the case except to set bail if requested by the defendant. Not more than one judge can be disqualified in any action. All defendants must join in any request to substitute a judge.