

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 603

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT 169

AN ACT to amend 757.69 (1) (p) 1. of the statutes; relating to: allowing a court commissioner to address stipulated final legal separation hearings.

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

SECTION 1. 757.69 (1) (p) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

757.69 (1) (p) 1. Preside at any hearing held to determine whether a judgment of divorce or legal separation shall be granted, if both parties to a divorce action state that the marriage is irretrievably broken, or if both parties to a legal separation action state that the marital relationship is broken, and that all material issues, including but not limited to division of property or estate, legal custody,

physical placement, child support, spousal maintenance and family support, are resolved ~~or~~. A court commissioner may also preside at any hearing held to determine whether a judgment of divorce or legal separation shall be granted if one party does not participate in the action for divorce or legal separation. A circuit court commissioner may grant and enter judgment in any action over which he or she presides under this subdivision unless the judgment modifies an agreement between the parties on material issues. If the circuit court commissioner does not approve an agreement between the parties on material issues, the action shall be certified to the court for trial.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."