

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 887

Senate Amendment 1

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Current law requires that a petition in an action affecting the family, such as a divorce, legal separation, or paternity action, include the facts relating to the residence of both parties.

Assembly Bill 887 provides that, if a party is subject to a domestic abuse or harassment restraining order or injunction with respect to another party, or if a party alleges that another party has engaged in interspousal battery or domestic abuse, the party who is the victim or alleged victim may elect not to have his or her address disclosed in the petition in an action affecting the family. If the party elects not to have his or her address disclosed in the petition, the petition must include the name and address of the person who will act as the party's agent for service of process, pleadings, and other notices.

Senate Amendment 1 removes the authority of an alleged victim to elect not to have his or her address disclosed in the petition in an action affecting the family.

Legislative History

On April 12, 2006, the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 and recommended concurrence in Assembly Bill 887, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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