



## 1997 SENATE BILL 311

October 1, 1997 - Introduced by Senator ADELMAN, cosponsored by Representative WALKER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 753.075 (2) (a) and (b); and **to create** 753.075 (2m) of the  
2     statutes; **relating to:** reserve judge qualifications.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, former judges and justices serve at the request of the chief justice of the supreme court as temporary reserve judges on a day-by-day basis or as permanent reserve judges for a period of 6 months. To be eligible to serve as a reserve judge under current law, the person has to have served for 6 or more years as a supreme court justice, court of appeals judge or circuit judge. In addition under current law, any person who was eligible to serve as a reserve judge before May 1, 1992, may serve as a reserve judge.

Under this bill, in addition to the current restrictions, a person is not eligible to serve as a reserve judge if he or she was defeated at the most recent time that he or she sought election to a circuit court judgeship. The bill also provides that a person eligible to serve as a reserve judge on the effective date of the bill will continue to be eligible to serve as a reserve judge. This provision "grandfathers" in persons currently eligible to serve as a reserve judge.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 753.075 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

4     753.075 (2) (a) Any person who has served a total of 6 or more years as a  
5     supreme court justice, a court of appeals judge or a circuit judge and who was not  
6     defeated at the most recent time that he or she sought election to a circuit court  
7     judgeship.

1 (b) Any person who was eligible to serve as a reserve judge before May 1, 1992,  
2 and who was not defeated at the most recent time that he or she sought election to  
3 a circuit court judgeship.

4 **SECTION 2.** 753.075 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 753.075 **(2m)** ELIGIBILITY EXCEPTION. A person who is eligible to serve as a  
6 reserve judge on the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date],  
7 continues to be eligible to serve as a reserve judge notwithstanding sub. (2).

8 (END)