



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 69
[September 2011 Special Session
Senate Bill 14]

Interest Rate on Judgments

Under *current law*, a judgment for the recovery of money collects interest at an annual rate of 12%. In addition, if there is an offer of settlement by a party that is not accepted and the party recovers a judgment that is greater than or equal to the amount specified in the offer of settlement, the party is entitled to interest at an annual rate of 12% on the amount recovered from the date of the offer of settlement until the amount is paid.

2011 Wisconsin Act 69 provides that a judgment for the recovery of money collects interest at an annual rate equal to *one percent plus the prime rate in effect on January 1 of the year in which the judgment is entered if the judgment is entered on or before June 30 of that year or in effect on July 1 of the year in which the judgment is entered if the judgment is entered after June 30 of that year*. This interest rate also applies to circumstances in which an offer of settlement is not accepted and the party recovers a judgment that is greater than or equal to the amount specified in the offer of settlement.

Effective date: The Act takes effect on December 2, 2011, and first applies to an execution on a judgment entered on the effective date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.