



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 23

February 5, 2009 - Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to
Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 751.16 and 752.42 of the statutes; **relating to:** public access
2 to appellate court conferences.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Supreme Court and court of appeals conduct various conferences related to court administration and cases that are before those courts. Most of the conferences are closed to the public. This bill requires that all conferences held by the Supreme Court or court of appeals be open to the public.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 751.16 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **751.16 Public access to court conferences.** All supreme court conferences,
5 including preargument conferences, postargument decision conferences, opinion
6 conferences, decision conferences, and administrative conferences shall be open to
7 the public.

8 **SECTION 2.** 752.42 of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 23**SECTION 2**

1 **752.42 Public access to court conferences.** All court of appeals
2 conferences, including screening conferences, preargument conferences, tentative
3 decision conferences, motion conferences, opinion conferences, publication
4 conferences, and decision conferences shall be open to the public.

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