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**CHAPTER 415**

AN ACT to amend 252.14 (1) of the statutes, relating to appointing, as court commissioner, a person who has served as official court reporter in a court of record.

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

252.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

252.14 (1) In each county the circuit judge or judges shall appoint such number of court commissioners as the proper transaction of business requires, subject to the following limitations: in circuits having a popula-

tion in excess of 500,000, not more than 2 commissioners shall be appointed by each circuit judge; in all other circuits, not more than 10 commissioners shall be appointed for each county whose population exceeds 65,000, and not more than 6 commissioners for each county whose population is less than 65,000; the appointments to be distributed evenly among the judges if the circuit has more than one judge. All court commissioners appointed after May 1, 1953, other than official court reporters or *persons who have served as official court reporters in any court of record in this state for period of not less than 5 years*, shall be attorneys licensed to practice in this state except in counties where a sufficient number of such licensed attorneys are not available. Each circuit judge shall have power at will and without cause to remove any court commissioner appointed by him or by his predecessor in office. The term of each court commissioner, unless removed by the judge, shall continue until the expiration of the term of the judge who appointed him and until the successor of such commissioner is appointed and qualified. Each commissioner before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file the same duly certified, together with his appointment, in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county for which he is appointed.

Approved July 15, 1955.