

1969 Assembly Bill 515

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CHAPTER 123, LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to amend 252.14 (1) of the statutes, relating to court commissioners in counties with populations over 200,000.

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 and county judges shall appoint such number of court commissioners as the proper transaction of business requires subject to the following exception: in counties having a population of 200,000 or more each ~~circuit~~ judge may appoint not more than 2 such commissioners and each county judge may appoint not more than one such commissioner, and in counties having a population of less than 200,000 each judge shall, as nearly as possible, appoint an equal number of commissioners within the county. In all counties such appointments shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the circuit judges of such county and a majority of the county *judges of such county*. Appointments shall be in writing and shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. 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 a 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 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.

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