

1991 Assembly Bill 167

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# 1991 WISCONSIN ACT 218

AN ACT to amend 70.47 (7) (aa) and (b), (8) (intro.), (a) and (d) and (10) (c) of the statutes, relating to: allowing disabled and ill persons to testify by telephone to boards of review.

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

**SECTION 1.** 70.47 (7) (aa) and (b), (8) (intro.), (a) and (d) and (10) (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

70.47 (7) (aa) No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view such property.

(b) Upon receipt of an objection, the board shall establish a time for hearing the objection. At least 48 hours' notice of the time of hearing must be given to the objector or his attorney, and to the municipal attorney and assessor. ~~Where~~ If all parties are present, or the objector is in communication with the board by telephone under sub. (8) (intro.) and all other parties are present, and waive such notice in the minutes, the hearing may be held forthwith.

(8) HEARING. (intro.) The board shall hear upon oath all persons who appear before it in relation to the assessment, ~~and on.~~ The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. The board at such hearing shall proceed as follows:

(a) The clerk shall swear all persons testifying before it or by telephone in relation to the assessment.

(d) It may and upon request of the assessor shall compel the attendance of witnesses, except objectors who may testify by telephone, and the production of all books, inventories, appraisals, documents and other data which may throw light upon the value of property.

(10) (c) Subpoena such witnesses, except objectors who may testify by telephone, as it deems necessary to testify concerning the value of such property and, except in the case of an assessment made by a county assessor pursuant to s. 70.99, the expense incurred shall be a charge against the district.

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