1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 636

January 11, 2000 – Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER, cosponsored by Senator ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

1 AN ACT *to create* 971.19 (11) of the statutes; **relating to:** place of trial for persons

2 charged with certain crimes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a defendant charged with a crime must generally be tried in the county in which the crime is committed. Current law also provides a number of exceptions to this general rule. For example, if a crime entails the commission of two or more acts, the defendant may be tried in any county in which any of the acts occurred.

Under this bill, a defendant charged with any of the following crimes may be tried in the defendant's county of residence, the victim's county of residence or in any other county where the trial may be held under current law: 1) defamation; 2) giving false information for publication; 3) misappropriation of personal identifying information or personal identification documents; 4) theft of trade secrets; 5) threats to injure or accuse of crime; 6) threats to communicate derogatory information; 7) financial transaction card crimes; 8) computer crimes; 9) tampering with public records and notices; 10) unlawful use of telephone; and 11) unlawful use of computerized communication systems.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 971.19 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

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1   971.19 **(11)** In an action under ss. 942.01, 942.03, 943.201, 943.205, 943.30,

2   943.31, 943.41, 943.70, 946.72, 947.012 or 947.0125, the defendant may be tried in

3   the defendant's county of residence, in the victim's county of residence or in any other

4   county in which the trial may be conducted under this section.

5   **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

6   (1) This act first applies to criminal actions commenced on the effective date

7   of this subsection.

8   **(END)**