

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 784

February 22, 2000 - Introduced by Representatives GOETSCH, LA FAVE, KELSO, MUSSER, LADWIG, HAHN, OWENS, NASS, ALBERS, SPILLNER and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senators DRZEWIECKI, HUELSMAN and SCHULTZ, by request of Department of Justice. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 804.015 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** limits on discovery
2 requests in cases involving prisoner litigation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in an action or proceeding brought by a prisoner, the court is required to limit the number of requests for interrogatories, production of documents or admissions to 15, unless good cause is shown for additional requests. This bill provides that the limit in these cases on the number of requests for interrogatories, production of documents or admissions is a cumulative total of 15 from all of the defendants who are represented by the same attorney.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 804.015 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 804.015 (4) If a prisoner commences an action or special proceeding, the court
5 shall limit the number of requests for interrogatories, production of documents or
6 admissions to a cumulative total of 15 from all of the defendants in the action or
7 proceeding who are represented by the same attorney, unless good cause is shown for

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SECTION 1

1 any additional requests. This number may not be expanded by the use of subparts
2 to the interrogatories.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to actions or proceedings commenced on the effective
5 date of this subsection.

6 (END)