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Memorandum

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS



DATE: March 28, 2001
TO: Rep. Mark Gundrum
FROM: Sheryl Gervasi, Director of State Courts Office
SUBJECT: LRB 0375/1 relating to Court Commissioners

Pursuant to your request I am providing a summary of what this draft does. In Supreme Court Order 97-10, the Court created SCR 75 effective 1/1/99. That order relates to the appointment, performance evaluation, continuing education, discipline and decisions of circuit court commissioners. It created two types of court commissioners, circuit court commissioners (includes family, juvenile, small claims and probate court commissioners) and supplemental court commissioners (includes part-time court commissioners that work infrequently). To codify this terminology into statute my office requested this draft.

While the draft incorporates the new terms it also consolidates all of the powers and duties of court commissioners into one chapter of the statutes, Chapter 757. Presently these duties are found in several chapters including Chapters 48, 757, 767, 799 and 938. No substantive change is made to the statutes with respect to the powers, duties or appointment of court commissioners.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 266-6984. Once again I would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter.