



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 279
[2005 Assembly Bill 727]

**Notice of Alibi Claims in Criminal
Cases**

Act 279 addresses notice of alibi claims in criminal cases in order to provide more time to investigate such claims. The Act:

- Requires the defendant to give notice of an alibi at least 30 days before trial (increased from the prior law's 15 days before trial).
- Requires the district attorney to provide notice of any alibi rebuttal witnesses within 20 days after receiving the defendant's notice of alibi (increased from the prior law's 10 days after receiving the notice).

The court's authority to extend the deadline for an alibi notice and to revise the time for notice of rebuttal witnesses is unaffected.

Effective Date: Act 279 became effective April 20, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.