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CHAPTER 125

AN ACT to amend subdivision (1) of section 4697 of the statutes, relating to the plea of insanity or feeble-mindedness in criminal cases.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1) of section 4697 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 4697) (1) * * * *No plea that the person indicted or informed against was insane or feeble-minded at the time of the commission of the alleged offense, and for that reason not responsible for his acts, shall be received unless such plea is interposed at the time of arraignment and entry of plea of not guilty, unless the court for good cause shown shall otherwise order. When such plea is interposed the special issue thereby made shall be tried and determined by the jury with the plea of not guilty; and if such jury shall find upon such special issue that such accused person was so insane, or feeble-minded, or that there is reasonable doubt of his sanity or mental responsibility at the time of the commission of such alleged offense, they shall return a verdict of not guilty because insane, or feeble-minded.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT to create sections 4066—1, 4066—2, 4066—3 and 4066—4 of the statutes, relating to the appointment of expert witnesses in criminal cases.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Four new sections are added to the statutes to read: Section 4066—1. Whenever, in any criminal case, expert opinion evidence becomes necessary or desirable the judge of the trial court may after notice to the parties and a hearing, appoint one or more disinterested qualified experts, not exceeding three, to testify at the trial. Before entering upon such investigation