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CHAPTER 606

AN ACT to repeal 252.07 (1) (b), (6) and (7); to amend 8.02 (2), 17.19 (2) and 251.01; and to repeal and recreate 252.01 of the statutes, relating to terms of supreme court justices and circuit judges elected to fill vacancies.

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

SECTION 1. 8.02 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.02 (2) The election to fill a vacancy in the office of * * * judge, *other than a circuit judge, and to select a successor to a justice or a circuit judge whose office became vacant before the expiration of the term*, shall not be held at the time of holding the regular election for the same office. If the vacancy occurs 90 days or more before the first Tuesday in April, in the case of a judge, such election shall be held on the first Tuesday of the succeeding April, and in case of a justice, at the first judicial election when no other justice is to be elected. In either case, if the vacancy occurs less than 90 days prior to the first Tuesday of April, the election to fill the vacancy shall not be held until the judicial election of the next year.

SECTION 2. 17.19 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17.19 (2) In the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of the circuit court, by temporary appointment by the governor, which shall continue until a successor is elected, as provided in s. 8.02, and qualifies. When so elected such successor shall hold his office for * * * a full term and shall take office as follows:

(a) A supreme court justice, on the first * * * *Monday of January* next succeeding such election.

(b) A circuit court judge, on the first Monday of * * * *January* next succeeding such election.

SECTION 3. 251.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

251.01 The term of office of each of the *elected* justices of the supreme court * * * shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election.

SECTION 4. 252.01 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

252.01 TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of every elected circuit judge is 6 years, and until his successor is elected and qualified, which term commences with the first Monday in January next succeeding his election.

SECTION 5. 252.07 (1) (b), (6) and (7) of the statutes are repealed.

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