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CHAPTER 175

AN ACT to repeal section 17; and to amend section 16, of chapter 127, laws of 1951, relating to juries pertaining to the additional jurisdiction of the county court of Barron county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 127, laws of 1951, is amended to read:

(Chapter 127, laws of 1951) Section 16. After issue is joined in any civil action or proceeding, any party may upon 5 days' notice to the other party or parties, apply to the said court or the judge thereof to set down such case on the calendar of the court for trial on a particular day and the court or judge shall, if it be reasonably possible, fix a definite time for such trial, which shall not be less than 5 days from the time of hearing such application, unless for cause the judge shall otherwise order. At the time any action or proceeding is so set down for trial, if it be one triable by a jury, the court shall require the parties to determine and elect whether they wish a trial by jury, and if a jury is elected of what number, and if a trial by jury is demanded by either party to the action * * * the court * * * shall issue a venire * * * for the 24 jurors drawn for service under section 15, returnable at the time fixed for the trial of the action; provided, that the issues of fact joined upon any complaint, indictment or information may be tried by the court without a jury or by a jury of less * * * than 12 men whenever the accused in writing or by statement in open court entered in the minutes

consents thereto. * * * *Jurors shall be exempted and excused from jury duty as in the circuit court. Of the jurors remaining and in court pursuant to the venire, the court on the voir dire examination shall excuse those disqualified on challenge for cause and thereafter each party may exercise peremptory challenges, the district attorney or plaintiff beginning until there remains the desired number for the jury. The parties to a cause shall be as provided in section 270.18 of the statutes.*

SECTION 2. Section 17 of chapter 127, laws of 1951, is repealed.

Approved June 11, 1957.
