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CHAPTER 454

AN ACT to amend chapter 218, laws of 1899, section 8, as amended by chapter 7, laws of 1949, relating to holding court on Saturdays in the district court of Milwaukee county.

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

Chapter 218, laws of 1899, section 8, as amended by chapter 7, laws of 1949, is amended to read:

(Chapter 218, laws of 1899) Section 8. Said district court shall be held in the city of Milwaukee in some suitable place to be provided and suitably furnished by said city and county of Milwaukee, and it shall open for business every morning (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) *but on Saturday mornings only one judge need be in attendance.* In case of the absence, sickness or temporary disability of said district judge, the clerk of the district court shall notify the calendar judge of the civil court who shall then assign himself or an associate judge to duty in the district court, and it shall be the duty of the associate judge so assigned to attend and preside in the district court. Said district judge shall not voluntarily absent himself from the duties of his office for more than 40 days in any

one year, except for sickness. The judge of district court branch 1 and the judge of district court branch 2 shall not be voluntarily absent from the duties of their office at the same time except for sickness. Said district court judge may in his discretion, in the event there is an accumulation of pending cases which would result in an unusual delay in trials or preliminary examination direct the clerk of the district court in like manner to notify the calendar judge of said civil court who shall then assign himself or one or more of the associate judges to try cases or hold preliminary examinations, as the case may be, as to such actions that may be assigned for trial or preliminary examinations, and for that purpose such civil court judge may hold special sessions of the district court in any available courtroom in the safety building or courthouse in the city of Milwaukee, in the conduct of which trial or preliminary examination the civil judge so acting shall act as acting district court judge and such special sessions shall be conducted under rules established for such special sessions by the district court act. In the event of an accumulation of cases in either branch 1 or branch 2 of the district court in any one day or any period of time, either one of the judges of said branch 1 or branch 2 shall, upon the request of the other judge, assist the other judge in the trial or hearing of, or proceedings in, such cases if it will not interfere with his regular calendar.

Approved July 25, 1957.
