

1981 Senate Bill 181

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**CHAPTER 300 , Laws of 1981**

AN ACT to amend 799.11 (1) (b); and to create 704.22 and 799.11 (1) (g) of the statutes, relating to service of process and venue in a residential tenancy.

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

**SECTION 1.** 704.22 of the statutes is created to read:

**704.22 Service of process in residential tenancy on nonresident party.** (1) A party to a residential tenancy in this state who is not a resident of this state shall designate an agent to accept service of process in this state for an action involving the tenancy. The agent shall be a resident of this state or a corporation authorized to do business in this state. If a party is a corporation, the agent is the corporation's registered agent.

(2) Designation of an agent under sub. (1) shall be in writing and filed with the secretary of state.

**SECTION 2.** 799.11 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

799.11 (1) (b) In contract actions not involving a residential tenancy, the county where the defendant resides or is personally served.

**SECTION 3.** 799.11 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

799.11 (1) (g) In a contract action involving a residential tenancy, the county where the premises are located or where all parties reside.

**SECTION 4. Program responsibilities.** In the list of program responsibilities for the secretary of state under section 14.361 of the statutes, reference to section "704.22" is inserted.

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