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1987 Assembly Bill 276

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## 1987 Wisconsin Act 74

AN ACT *to amend* 971.05 (intro.) of the statutes, *relating to* arraignments.

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

SECTION 1. 971.05 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

**971.05 Arraignment.** (intro.) If the defendant is charged with a felony, the arraignment may be in the trial court or the court which conducted the preliminary examination or accepted the defendant's waiver of the preliminary examination. If the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor, the arraignment may be in the trial court or the court which conducted the initial appearance. The arraignment ~~shall be in the trial court and~~ shall be conducted in the following manner:

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NOTE: The prior statute's requirement that the arraignment be "in the trial court" is repealed so that, in felony cases, arraignment may be held immediately upon conclusion of the preliminary examination or waiver thereof, if the district attorney is prepared to file the information immediately after the bindover. The bill similarly permits arraignments in misdemeanor cases after the initial appearance. These changes reduce the number of separate court appearances and shorten case processing time.