

1989 Assembly Bill 711

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# 1989 WISCONSIN ACT 246

AN ACT to amend 757.69 (1) (h) of the statutes, relating to: powers of court commissioners.

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

**SECTION 1.** 757.69 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

757.69 (1) (h) Hear petitions for commitment and conduct probable cause hearings under ss. 51.20 ~~and~~, 51.45 ~~and~~ 55.06 (11), conduct reviews of guardianships and protective placements and protective services under chs. 55 and 880, advise a person alleged to be mentally ill of his or her rights under the United States and Wisconsin constitutions and, if the person claims or appears to be

unable to afford counsel, refer the person to the authority for indigency determinations specified under s. 977.07 (1).

NOTE: Amended sub. (1) (h) codifies the holding of *State ex rel. Watts v. Combined Community Services Board*, 122 Wis. 2d 65 (1985), that court commissioners have authority to preside at periodic reviews of protective service and placement cases. Guardianship reviews and probable cause hearings in protective service and placement cases are also added to the statute specifying powers which may be delegated to court commissioners.