



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 216
[2005 Assembly Bill 1038]

Miscellaneous Remedial Modifications to the Wisconsin Probate Code

2005 Wisconsin Act 216 makes a number of remedial modifications to current probate law, particularly in response to 1997 Wisconsin Act 188 which modernized the Wisconsin Probate Code. In addition to various corrections and clarifications, the Act:

- Increases the value limit for property that may be passed under summary procedure to \$50,000 from the current \$20,000.
- Alters certain current procedures for the execution of a will.
- Modifies certain current rules for inheritance.
- Creates new marital property protections for a decedent spouse who is murdered by the surviving spouse.
- Repeals the right of certain adult dependent children to receive support payments from a deceased parent's estate.

Finally, the Act specifies that certain provisions regarding nonprobate transfers at death do not apply until August 1, 2006.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 11, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.