

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 678

March 8, 2012 – Introduced by Representative CLARK. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1 AN ACT to create 757.19 (2) (fm) of the statutes; relating to: disqualifying a

judge or justice.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a judge or justice is required to disqualify himself or herself from presiding over or deciding any legal action under certain circumstances that render the judge or justice incapable of acting in an impartial manner or that make it appear that the judge or justice cannot act in an impartial manner.

This bill requires a judge or justice to disqualify himself or herself from presiding over or deciding any legal action if any legal counsel that represents a party in the action had ever represented the judge or justice under a contingency fee arrangement.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 757.19 (2) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 757.19 (2) (fm) When any counsel to any party to the action represented the
- 5 judge under a contingency fee arrangement.