



2025 SENATE BILL 147

March 21, 2025 - Introduced by Senators WANGGAARD, CABRAL-GUEVARA and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives DUCHOW, ALLEN, ARMSTRONG, BRILL, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS, KNODL, MAXEY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEYLON, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PENTERMAN, PIWOWARCZYK, RODRIGUEZ, SORTWELL, STEFFEN and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

AN ACT *to amend* 807.14 and 967.09 of the statutes; **relating to:** interpreter action by telephone or live audiovisual means in civil or criminal proceedings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in any civil or criminal proceeding other than a trial, a court may permit an interpreter to act by telephone or live audiovisual means. This bill removes the exclusion for trials, so that an interpreter may act by telephone or live audiovisual means in any civil or criminal proceeding.

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

SECTION 1. 807.14 of the statutes is amended to read:

807.14 Interpreters. On request of any party, the court may permit an interpreter to act in any civil proceeding ~~other than a trial~~ by telephone or live audiovisual means.

SECTION 2. 967.09 of the statutes is amended to read:

967.09 Interpreters may serve by telephone or video. On request of any

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party, the court may permit an interpreter to act in any criminal proceeding, ~~other~~
~~than trial~~, by telephone or live audiovisual means.

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