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2015 SENATE BILL 346

October 21, 2015 – Introduced by Senators WANGGAARD and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representative VORPAGEL. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 751.12 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** publication of certain
2 proposed rules and changes to existing rules.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows certain proposed rules or changes to an existing rule to be placed on an Internet site. Under current law, when the Wisconsin Supreme Court (court) wishes to consider whether to promulgate a new rule or change an existing rule regulating pleading, practice, or procedure, it holds a hearing on the new rule or the change.

Current law requires the court to publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper for three consecutive weeks prior to, and in the publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin (Bar) not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before, the date of hearing. Current law requires the court to include in its notice the full text of the proposed rule or the change to an existing rule.

This bill replaces the requirement that the court include the full text of the proposed rule or the change to the existing rule in a notice published in a newspaper and in the publication of the Bar, with the requirement that the court must place the full text on the court's Internet site.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SENATE BILL 346**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 751.12 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 751.12 (3) Notice of public hearings shall be given by publication of a class 3
3 notice, under ch. 985, the expense of the publication to be paid out of the state
4 treasury. Notice shall also be given in an official publication of the State Bar of
5 Wisconsin, the notice to be published not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days
6 before the date of hearing. The State Bar of Wisconsin shall not charge the state
7 treasury for publication of this notice. Proposed rules, including changes, if any, in
8 existing rules, shall be ~~set forth in full in the notice~~ placed on the Internet site
9 maintained by the director of state courts for the supreme court.

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