

State of Wisconsin



2025 Senate Bill 459

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2025 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 907.02 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** admissibility of expert witness testimony.

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

SECTION 1. 907.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

907.02 (1) If scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, may testify thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise, if the proponent demonstrates

to the court that it is more likely than not that the testimony is based upon sufficient facts or data, the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods, and the ~~witness has applied~~ witness's opinion reflects a reliable application of the principles and methods reliably to the facts of the case.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to actions or special proceedings that are commenced on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."