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# SENATE BILL NO. 351

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 477, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to judge disqualification.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 477, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 477.655, to read as follows:

**477.655. 1. Any supreme, appellate, or circuit court judge who is  
2 appointed shall be disqualified from hearing a judicial proceeding or  
3 rendering a judgement in the following circumstances:**

4       **(1) When a party or party's attorney to the proceeding before the  
5 judge was a member of the appellate judicial commission or a circuit  
6 judicial commission who nominated the judge; or**

7       **(2) When a party's attorney is currently employed by a firm  
8 where a member of the appellate judicial commission or a circuit  
9 judicial commission who nominated the judge is also currently  
10 employed.**

11       **2. If a circuit judge is disqualified from hearing a case under the  
12 provisions of this section, the court shall either call in another circuit  
13 judge to sit in the case, as authorized by section 15 of article V of the  
14 Missouri Constitution, or request the supreme court to transfer a judge  
15 to hear the proceeding, as authorized by section 6 of article V of the  
16 Missouri Constitution.**

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