

M.R. 3140

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered June 6, 2019.

(Deleted material is struck through, and new material is underscored.)

Effective July 1, 2019, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 295 is amended, as follows.

Amended Rule 295

Rule 295. Matters Assignable to Associate Judges

The chief judge of each circuit or any circuit judge designated by him or her may assign an associate judge to hear and determine any matters deemed suitable by the chief judge or designated circuit judge, including ~~except~~ the trial of criminal cases in which the defendant is charged with an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. ~~Upon a showing of need presented to the supreme court by the chief judge of a circuit, the supreme court may authorize the chief judge to make temporary assignments of individual associate judges to conduct trials of criminal cases in which the defendant is charged with an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.~~

Amended June 26, 1970, effective July 1, 1970; amended effective October 7, 1970, April 1, 1971, July 1, 1971, and May 28, 1975; amended June 6, 2019, eff. July 1, 2019.

Committee Comments

(Revised July 1, 1971)

~~—Section 8 of article VI of the new Illinois constitution provides, “the Supreme Court shall provide by rule for matters to be assigned to Associate Judges.” Accordingly, a new Rule 295 was drafted to replace the statute dealing with assignments to magistrates (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1969, ch. 37, par. 621 *et seq.*) and former Rule 295, which supplemented the statute.~~

~~—The new rule leaves it to the chief judge of each circuit, who will know the capabilities of the associate judges in his circuit and the requirements for disposition of judicial business, to determine the kinds of matters other than the trial of major criminal cases that may be assigned to an associate judge. The restriction against assignment of the trial of major criminal cases does not prevent assignment of an associate judge to conduct proceedings other than the trial in such cases.~~

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