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House Bill 4755
Sponsor: Rep. Kirk A. Profit
Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4755 AS INTRODUCED 4-29-91

Under the Revised Judicature Act, a sheriff, deputy, or medical examiner is forbidden to appear in court as attorney for any party in any action, to draw up a complaint for any party, or, with the intent to gain employment to serve process, advise any person to commence any action. (This provision, however, does not apply to deputy sheriffs appointed to serve in advisory capacities and who do not serve civil process.)

The bill would delete this language and instead forbid a sheriff, deputy, or medical examiner to serve process or appear in court as attorney or counsel for a criminal defendant, except in a contempt proceeding.

Violation of the prohibition would continue to be punishable by a fine of \$150.

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