

**611.11 NO PRESUMPTION FROM FAILURE TO TESTIFY.**

The defendant in the trial of an indictment, complaint, or other criminal proceeding shall, at the defendant's own request and not otherwise, be allowed to testify; but failure to testify shall not create any presumption against the defendant, nor shall it be alluded to by the prosecuting attorney or by the court.

**History:** (9815) *RL s 4661; 1986 c 444*