

## CHAPTER 627

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#### 627.01 PLACE OF TRIAL; CHANGE OF VENUE.

Subdivision 1. **Place of trial.** Except as otherwise provided by rule 24 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, every criminal cause shall be tried in the county where the offense was committed. The defendant shall be entitled to one change of venue only except in cases involving potential prejudicial publicity in accordance with rule 25.02, subdivision 5, of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Subd. 2. **County where the offense was committed.** "County where the offense was committed" means any county where any element of the offense was committed or any county where the property involved in an offense is or has been located or where the services involved in an offense were provided.

**History:** (10701) *RL s 5354; 1979 c 233 s 26; 1979 c 258 s 24*

#### 627.02 PROCEEDINGS ON CHANGE OF VENUE; COSTS.

When the venue shall be changed to another county in a criminal case, the trial shall be conducted in all respects as if the indictment had been found in the county to which the venue is changed, and all the costs and expenses of the prosecution and trial of the case in such county to which the venue shall have been changed, including officers', witnesses', and jurors' fees, shall be paid by the county in which the offense was committed.

**History:** (10702) *RL s 5355*

**627.03** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.04** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.05** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.06** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.07** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.08** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.09** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.10** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.13** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.14** [Repealed, 1979 c 233 s 42]

**627.15 CHILD ABUSE.**

A criminal action arising out of an incident of alleged child abuse may be prosecuted either in the county where the alleged abuse occurred or the county where the child is found.

**History:** 1977 c 212 s 1

**627.16 CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT; MENTALLY INCAPACITATED; ASLEEP OR NOT CONSCIOUS.**

A criminal action arising out of an incident of alleged criminal sexual conduct may be prosecuted either in the county where any element of the alleged sexual penetration or sexual contact was committed or the county where the complainant is found when the complainant was, at the time of the act:

- (1) mentally incapacitated, as defined in section 609.341, subdivision 7; or
- (2) physically helpless, as defined in section 609.341, subdivision 9, as the result of being asleep or not conscious.

**History:** 2024 c 123 art 4 s 15