

CHAPTER 377

LEGAL COUNSEL IN FELONY CASES

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AN ACT to require that every person indicted for a felony be represented by legal counsel before a plea of guilty or entry of judgment is made.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section seven hundred seventy-seven point twelve
2 (777.12), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:
3 1. By inserting in line three (3) of such section after the word,
4 "himself," the words, "and in the presence of legal counsel acting on
5 behalf of the defendant if the defendant is charged with a felony".
6 2. By inserting in line nine (9) after the period (.) the words,
7 "Before a plea of guilty or an entry of judgment, if the defendant has
8 neither employed counsel nor been assigned counsel as provided in
9 section seven hundred seventy-five point four (775.4) of the Code,
10 the court shall appoint counsel for the defendant if the defendant is
11 charged with a felony."

Approved March 9, 1959.