

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.4951 Mediation of civil action based on tort; exception; time for referring action to mediation; hearing.**

Sec. 4951. (1) Each civil action based on tort in which it is claimed that damages exceed \$10,000.00, except an action alleging medical malpractice, shall be mediated pursuant to this chapter.

(2) The judge to whom a civil action as prescribed in subsection (1) is assigned or the chief judge shall refer the action to mediation by written order not less than 91 days after the filing of the answer or answers.

(3) A civil action referred to mediation pursuant to subsection (2) shall be heard by a mediation panel selected pursuant to section 4953.

**History:** Add. 1986, Act 178, Eff. Oct. 1, 1986.

**Compiler's note:** Section 3 of Act 178 of 1986 provides:

“(1) Sections 2925b, 5805, 5838, and 5851 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by this amendatory act, shall not apply to causes of action arising before October 1, 1986.

“(2) Sections 1483, 5838a, and 6304 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to causes of action arising on or after October 1, 1986.

“(3) Sections 1629, 1653, 2169, 2591, 2912c, 2912d, 2912e, 6098, 6301, 6303, 6305, 6306, 6307, 6309, and 6311 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed on or after October 1, 1986.

“(4) Sections 1651 and 6013 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by this amendatory act, shall not apply to cases filed before October 1, 1986.

“(5) Chapter 49 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed on or after January 1, 1987.

“(6) Chapter 49a of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as added by this amendatory act, shall apply to cases filed in judicial circuits which are comprised of more than 1 county on or after July 1, 1990 and shall apply to cases filed in judicial circuits which are comprised of 1 county on or after October 1, 1988.”