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Summary

It has been proposed that the occasional spelling of the inflectional ending in the third person singular of the present indicative as *d* instead of *t* in some Early Middle Dutch texts might be an Ingweonic residue. To test this hypothesis three texts with abundant *d*-spellings have been analyzed. It turned out that *d* and *t* vary according to the final sound of the verbal stem. If this is unvoiced, *t* is written; *d*-spelling only appears if the final sound is voiced. This variation indicates that the *d*-spelling is a sandhi phenomenon. Moreover, it appears that the *d*-spelling only occurs if the schwa of the inflectional ending has been deleted. This confirms the sandhi interpretation of the linguistic facts. If the relatively recent schwa-deletion is a prerogative for the *d*-spelling, this cannot be Ingweonic.