



## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1043

February 2, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives SNODGRASS, SHELTON, J. ANDERSON, BARE, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, JACOBSON, JOERS, MADISON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SINICKI, STUBBS, SUBECK, ANDRACA, HAYWOOD and DRAKE, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, SPREITZER, AGARD, CARPENTER, L. JOHNSON, ROYS, TAYLOR, WIRCH and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** expanding the period  
2 for voting by in person absentee ballot.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an individual voting at an election by absentee ballot may apply for an absentee ballot in person at the municipal clerk's office or at an alternate absentee ballot site. An absentee ballot application made in person may be made no earlier than 14 days preceding the election and no later than the Sunday preceding the election.

Under this bill, an absentee ballot application made in person may be made no later than the Sunday preceding the election.

For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 **SECTION 1.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made by mail,  
5 the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day immediately  
6 preceding the election. If application is made in person, the application shall be

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1 made ~~no earlier than 14 days preceding the election~~ and no later than the Sunday  
2 preceding the election. No application may be received on a legal holiday. A  
3 municipality shall specify the hours in the notice under s. 10.01 (2) (e). The  
4 municipal clerk or an election official shall witness the certificate for any in-person  
5 absentee ballot cast. Except as provided in par. (c), if the elector is making written  
6 application for an absentee ballot at the partisan primary, the general election, the  
7 presidential preference primary, or a special election for national office, and the  
8 application indicates that the elector is a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), the  
9 application shall be received by the municipal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on election  
10 day. If the application indicates that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is  
11 that the elector is a sequestered juror, the application shall be received no later than  
12 5 p.m. on election day. If the application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday  
13 immediately preceding the election, the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall  
14 immediately take the ballot to the court in which the elector is serving as a juror and  
15 deposit it with the judge. The judge shall recess court, as soon as convenient, and  
16 give the elector the ballot. The judge shall then witness the voting procedure as  
17 provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot to the clerk or agent of the clerk who  
18 shall deliver it to the polling place or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are  
19 canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application  
20 is made under sub. (2) or (2m), the application may be received no later than 5 p.m.  
21 on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

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