



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 936

January 19, 2024 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, SPREITZER, AGARD, CARPENTER, L. JOHNSON, ROYS and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives SHELTON, SNODGRASS, J. ANDERSON, BARE, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HONG, JACOBSON, JOERS, MADISON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SINICKI, STUBBS, SUBECK, ANDRACA and HAYWOOD. Referred to Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections and Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT to create** 5.05 (11r) and 20.510 (1) (ff) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for the purchase of election supplies and equipment and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Elections Commission to award grants to municipalities for the purchase of election supplies and equipment, including electronic poll books. Under the bill, a municipality must apply for a grant no later than 180 days before a general election and agree to have the commission conduct at least one random inspection of the supplies and equipment that the municipality purchases with the grant moneys. Finally, the bill requires the commission to conduct an audit of the grant program no later than 90 days after each general election and submit an audit report to the legislature.

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 5.05 (11r) of the statutes is created to read:
5 **5.05 (11r)** AIDS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTION SUPPLIES AND
6 EQUIPMENT. (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.510 (1) (ff), the commission may

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1 award grants to municipalities for the purchase of election supplies and equipment,
2 including electronic poll books. In each biennium, the commission may award grants
3 under this subsection in the following amounts:

4 1. No more than \$2,500,000 to municipalities with a population exceeding
5 250,000.

6 2. No more than \$1,000,000 to municipalities with a population exceeding
7 100,000, but not exceeding 250,000.

8 3. No more than \$500,000 to municipalities with a population exceeding
9 50,000, but not exceeding 100,000.

10 4. No more than \$250,000 to municipalities with a population not exceeding
11 50,000.

12 (b) A municipality may apply to the commission for a grant under this
13 subsection in the manner determined by the commission, but an application must be
14 received no later than 180 days before any general election conducted in the
15 municipality. No municipality may receive a grant under this subsection unless the
16 municipality enters into an agreement with the commission to have the commission
17 conduct at least one random inspection of the supplies and equipment that the
18 municipality purchases with the grant moneys. The commission shall complete an
19 audit of the grant program no later than 90 days after each general election and
20 submit an audit report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2).

21 **SECTION 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
22 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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1 **20.510 Elections commission**

2 (1) ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS

3 (ff) Local aids for the purchase of

4 election supplies and equipment GPR B 5,000,000 5,000,000

5 **SECTION 3.** 20.510 (1) (ff) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.510 (1) (ff) *Local aids for the purchase of election supplies and equipment.*

7 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to award grants to municipalities for the
8 purchase of election supplies or equipment under s. 5.05 (11r).

9 (END)