

## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 156

1 AN ACT *to amend* 7.50 (2) (i) and 8.20 (2) (c); and *to create* 7.50 (2) (im) of the  
2 statutes; **relating to:** candidacy of independent candidates for the offices of  
3 governor and lieutenant governor.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 7.50 (2) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5 7.50 (2) (i) The failure by an elector to write in the name of a candidate for the  
6 office of vice president of the United States on the general election ballot does not  
7 invalidate the elector's vote for any candidate whose name is written in for the office  
8 of president of the United States. The failure of an elector to write in the name of  
9 a candidate for the office of president of the United States on the general election  
10 ballot invalidates the elector's vote for any candidate whose name is written in for

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1 the office of vice president of the United States. The failure of an elector to write in  
2 the names name of candidates a candidate for the offices office of governor and or  
3 lieutenant governor on the general election ballot ~~invalidates~~ does not invalidate the  
4 elector's vote for any candidate whose name is written in for the office of governor  
5 or lieutenant governor alone.

6 **SECTION 2.** 7.50 (2) (im) of the statutes is created to read:

7 7.50 (2) (im) If an elector votes for an independent candidate for the office of  
8 governor or lieutenant governor but does not vote for any candidate as a running  
9 mate of that candidate for the office of lieutenant governor or governor, the vote cast  
10 by the elector shall be recorded as a vote cast for both offices and shall not be  
11 cumulated with a vote cast by any other elector for the same candidate for the same  
12 office jointly with any vote cast for a running mate of that candidate. If an elector  
13 votes for independent candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor,  
14 the vote cast by the elector shall not be cumulated with a vote cast by any other  
15 elector for one but not both of the candidates for whom the elector casts his or her  
16 vote.

17 **SECTION 3.** 8.20 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 8.20 (2) (c) In the case of candidates for the offices of president and vice  
19 president, the nomination papers shall contain both candidates' names; the office for  
20 which each is nominated; the residence and post-office address of each; and the party  
21 or principles they represent, if any, in 5 words ~~of~~ or less. In the case of candidates  
22 for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, the nomination papers shall  
23 contain both candidates' names or the name of a candidate for either office; the office  
24 for which each candidate is nominated; the residence and post-office address of each

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1 candidate; and the party or principles they represent each candidate represents, if  
2 any, in 5 words or less.

3 (END)