

1999 Assembly Bill 156

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## 1999 WISCONSIN ACT 6

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 7.50 (2) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

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

7.50 (2) (im) If an elector votes for an independent candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor but does not vote for any candidate as a running mate

of that candidate for the office of lieutenant governor or governor, the vote cast by the elector shall be recorded as a vote cast for both offices and shall not be cumulated with a vote cast by any other elector for the same candidate for the same office jointly with any vote cast for a running mate of that candidate. If an elector votes for independent candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, the vote cast by the elector shall not be cumulated with a vote cast by any other elector for one but not both of the candidates for whom the elector casts his or her vote.

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

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

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1997-98: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].