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MICHAEL G. ELLIS

STATE SENATOR



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TO:

Members, Senate Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections

FROM:

Sen. Michael Ellis, Committee Chair

RE:

Ballot for Committee Items

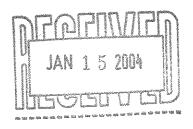
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Senator_REYNOLOS

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CONCURRENCE	AyeX	Nay

SENATE BILL 253

An Act to repeal 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. b. and c.; to amend 118.40 (2r) (b) 2.; and to create 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. e. and f. of the statutes; relating to: independent charter schools established by University of Wisconsin institutions and college campuses

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Aye_X	Nay
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	Aye X

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CONCURRENCE	Aye	Nay

Senator_REYNOUS

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LRB a1871 INTRODUCTION and ADOPTION	Aye	Nay_X
ASSEMBLY BILL 600 CONCURRENCE as AMENDED	Aye	Nay



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PASSAGE	Aye	Nay	
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PASSAGE	Aye	Nay_	
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LRB a1871 INTRODUCTION and ADOPTION	Aye	Nay
ASSEMBLY BILL 600 CONCURRENCE as AMENDED	Aye	Nay



19TH SENATE DISTRICT

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PASSAGE	Aye	Nay
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CONCURRENCE	Aye	Nay
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SENATE BILL 253

An Act to repeal 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. b. and c.; to amend 118.40 (2r) (b) 2.; and to create 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. e. and f. of the statutes; relating to: independent charter schools established by University of Wisconsin institutions and college campuses

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PASSAGE	Aye	Nay
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ASSEMBLY BILL 600

An Act to repeal 5.25 (4) (c), 6.15 (3) (a) (title), 6.15 (3) (b) (title), 6.24 (8), 6.33 (3), 6.35 (2), 6.35 (5) and (6), 6.40 (1) (b), 6.50 (2m), 6.50 (9), 6.79 (1), 6.79 (5), 6.79 (6) (a) and 120.06 (5); to renumber 5.87 and 6.865; to renumber and amend 6.15 (3) (a) 1...2. and 3., 6.15 (3) (b), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.79 (intro.) (except 6.79 (title)) and 6.79 (6) (b); to amend 5.02 (17), 5.05 (11), 5.25 (4) (a), 5.40 (6), 5.55 (title), 6.15 (2) (title), 6.15 (2) (a) (intro.), 6.15 (4) (d), 6.20, 6.24 (3), 6.24 (4) (a), 6.24 (4) (c), 6.26 (1), 6.26 (2) (a), 6.26 (2) (b) and (c), 6.275 (1) (b) to (d), 6.28 (2) (b), 6.28 (3), 6.29 (2) (a), 6.29 (2) (b), 6.30 (4), 6.32 (4), 6.325, 6.33 (title), 6.33 (1), 6.33 (2), 6.33 (4), 6.35 (3), 6.36 (2) (a), 6.36 (3), 6.40 (2) (b), 6.47 (2), 6.47 (3), 6.47 (6), 6.48 (1) (d), 6.48 (2) (b), 6.50 (1), 6.50 (2), 6.50 (3) to (6), 6.50 (7), 6.50 (8), 6.50 (10), 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (intro.), 6.55 (2) (a) 2., 6.55 (2) (b), 6.55 (2) (c) 1., 6.55 (2) (c) 2., 6.55 (2) (d), 6.55 (3), 6.55 (7) (a) (intro.), 6.55 (7) (b), 6.55 (7) (c) (intro.), 6.55 (7) (c) 1., 6.55 (7) (c) 2., 6.55 (7) (d), 6.56 (2) to (4), 6.79 (4), 6.82 (1) (a), 6.86 (3) (a) 1., 6.86 (3) (a) 2., 6.86 (3) (b), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.865 (title), 6.87 (3) (d), 6.87 (4), 6.88 (3) (a), 6.94, 6.95, 7.08 (1) (c), 7.10 (1) (b), 7.15 (1) (c), 7.15 (4), 7.23 (1) (c), 7.23 (1) (e), 7.37 (7), 7.51 (2) (a), 7.51 (2) (c), 7.51 (2) (e), 7.51 (3) (a), 7.51 (4) (a), 7.51 (5) (a), 8.17 (1) (a), 9.01 (1) (b) 1., 10.02 (3) (a), 11.30 (title), 12.13 (3) (u), 51.62 (3m), 59.05 (2), 117.20 (2) and 125.05 (2) (h); to repeal and recreate 6.26 (title), 6.27. 6.36 (1), 6.40 (1) (a) (title), 6.57 and 6.79 (2); and to create 5.02 (6m), 5.02 (24w), 5.05 (10), 5.05 (12) to (15), 5.055, 5.056, 5.061, 5.25 (4) (b), 5.35 (6) (a) 2m., 4., 4a. and 4b., 5.36, 5.87 (2), 5.91 (15) to (18), 6.06, 6.26 (2) (am), 6.276, 6.33 (5), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 2, and 3, 6.865 (1), 6.865 (3) and (4), 6.869, 6.96, 6.97, 7.08 (6) and (8), 7.10 (7) to (9), 7.10 (10), 7.15 (9) to (14), 15.617, 19.69 (4), 51.62 (3) (a) 4, and 85.61 of the statutes; relating to: election administration, voter registration and voting requirements and procedures and granting rule-making authority.

LRB a1871 INTRODUCTION and ADOPTION	Aye	Nay
ASSEMBLY BILL 600 CONCURRENCE as AMENDED	Aye	Nay



19TH SENATE DISTRICT

Misconsin State Senate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ELLIS VOWS TO RESTORE VOTING PROVISIONS FOR DISABLED

State Senator Michael G. Ellis today vowed to remove provisions from an election-related bill that not only may impede ballot access and information to people with disabilities but also would put the state out of compliance with federal law, thus jeopardizing the state's eligibility for approximately \$50 million in federal funds.

Ellis, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections, said his committee would amend provisions of Assembly Bill 600, which makes changes to Wisconsin elections laws meant to conform with and implement the federal Help America Vote Act. Ellis' committee heard testimony on the bill in a public hearing this week.

The Help America Vote Act was enacted as a response to problems associated with the 2000 presidential election. It requires states to make numerous changes to their elections laws meant to clarify and standardize voting registration, voter identification, ballot and polling-place access, information to voters and vote-counting procedures.

The federal legislation requires states to establish and maintain statewide voter registration lists. It establishes standards for voting equipment used in federal elections. The law establishes standards on absentee voting and voter identification. It requires performance audits and reporting of state compliance with the federal law.

States are provided federal funding to help them implement the law.

Several sections of the federal law are designed to ensure voting access, through accessible ballots as well as accessible polling places, to all citizens with disabilities. The federal legislation provides funding to federally designated protection and advocacy agencies to provide information and otherwise carry out activities that will ensure the full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities.

The Assembly amended sections of AB 600 dealing with the protection and advocacy agency and its ability to carry out its responsibilities under federal law.

The Assembly amendments would limit the persons covered under these provisions to only eligible voters with developmental disabilities, excluding the large majority of citizens with disabilities such as blindness, deafness, multiple sclerosis and many other disabilities. The amendments would also prohibit the protection and advocacy agency

from making any elections-related communications during the 30-day period before a primary election or the 60-day period before a regular election.

"Under that provision, the advocacy agency could not legally even give information on how a disabled person could ensure access to a polling place if it were too close to election day. The agency would be placed in the untenable position of complying with state law and therefore violating federal law, or complying with federal law and therefore violating state law. That's absurd," said Ellis.

"The amendments are offensive to people with disabilities. They make the bill unworkable and they place federal funding for Wisconsin in jeopardy," Ellis said.

"I have been advised by Legislative Council that the bill as it stands would put Wisconsin in noncompliance with federal law. The federal government may provide approximately \$50 million to implement this legislation. If we are not compliant, we risk losing those federal funds, but we will still be required to implement the law."

Ellis said the Senate committee would introduce an amendment in January to bring the state bill back into compliance with federal law.