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SECTION 18. 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29, 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m. on the ~~2nd Wednesday~~ 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s. 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later than the ~~2nd Wednesday~~ 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. An application for registration in person or by mail may be accepted for placement on the registration list after the specified deadline, if the municipal clerk determines that the registration list can be revised to incorporate the registration in time for the election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the office of the municipal clerk, at the office of any register of deeds at the offices of the county clerk, or at other fixed locations provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council, village or town board in all other municipalities and may also be made during the school year at any high school by qualified persons under sub. (2) (a). ~~Other registration locations may include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks.~~ Special registration deputies shall be appointed for all ~~fixed~~ each location ~~locations~~ unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk and deputy clerks. An elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

SECTION 19. 6.28 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

1 SECTION 20. 6.28 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

2 6.28 (4) AT THE OFFICES OF THE COUNTY CLERK. Any person shall be given an
 3 opportunity to register to vote at the office of the county clerk for the county in which
 4 the person's residence is located. An applicant may ~~file~~ ^{complete} the required registration
 5 form under s. 6.33. ^{Unless the county clerk performs registration functions for the municipality} Upon receipt of a completed form, the county clerk shall forward
 6 the form ^{submitted by an elector} ~~within 5 days~~ ^{l.c. "E"} to the appropriate municipal clerk, or to the board of election
 7 commissioners in cities over 500,000 population. ^{within 5 days of receipt} The clerk shall forward the form
 8 immediately whenever registration closes within 5 days of receipt.

what the elector resides under s. 6.33(5)(b)

9 SECTION 21. 6.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.29 (1) No names may be added to a registration list for any election after the
 11 close of registration, except as authorized under this section or s. 6.28 (1), s. 6.55 (2),
 12 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2. Any person whose name is not on the registration list but who is
 13 otherwise a qualified elector is entitled to vote at the election upon compliance with
 14 this section.

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15 SECTION 22. 6.29 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.29 (2) (a) Any qualified elector of a municipality who has not previously filed
 17 a registration form or whose name does not appear on the registration list of the
 18 municipality may register after the close of registration but not later than 5 p.m. or
 19 the close of business, whichever is later, on the day Friday before an election at the
 20 office of the municipal clerk and at the office of the clerk's agent if the clerk delegates
 21 responsibility for electronic maintenance of the registration list to an agent under
 22 s. 6.33 (5) (b). The elector shall complete, in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2),
 23 a registration form containing all information required under s. 6.33 (1). The
 24 registration form shall also contain the following certification: "I, ..., hereby certify
 25 that to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for at

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1 least 10 days immediately preceding this election, and, I have not voted at this
2 election". The elector shall also provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence under s. 6.55
3 (7) 6.34. Alternatively, if the elector is unable to provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence
4 under s. 6.55 (7) 6.34, the information contained in the registration form shall be
5 corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector of the municipality
6 and that contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The
7 corroborating elector shall then provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence under s. 6.55
8 (7) 6.34.

9 **SECTION 23.** 6.29 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

10 6.29 (2) (am) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared
11 for use at each municipal clerk's office showing the name and address of each person
12 whose name appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s.
13 301.03 (20) as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located
14 in the municipality, and whose name does not appear on the registration list for that
15 municipality. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection,
16 the municipal clerk shall review the list. If the name of an elector who wishes to
17 register to vote appears on the list, the municipal clerk shall inform the elector that
18 the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector maintains that he or she is
19 eligible to vote in the election, the municipal clerk shall permit the elector to register
20 to vote but shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per
21 Department of Corrections". If the elector wishes to vote, the municipal clerk shall
22 challenge the elector's ballot in the same manner as provided for inspectors who
23 challenge ballots under s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

24 **SECTION 24.** 6.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.30 (4) BY MAIL. Any eligible elector may register by mail on a form prescribed
2 by the board and provided by each municipality. The form shall be designed to obtain
3 the information required in ss. s. 6.33 (1) and to provide for changes authorized under
4 s. 6.40 (1) (a). The form shall contain a certification by the elector that all statements
5 are true and correct. ~~The form shall be prepostpaid for return when mailed at any~~
6 ~~point within the United States. The form shall contain instructions regarding the~~
7 ~~requirement to provide proof of residence under s. 6.34.~~ The form shall be available
8 in the municipal clerk's office and may be distributed by any elector of the
9 municipality. The clerk shall mail a registration form to any elector upon written or
10 oral request.

11 SECTION 25. 6.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **6.32 Verification of mail registrations. (1)** Upon receipt of a registration
13 form which is ~~submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) was not submitted in person in the~~
14 ~~office of the municipal clerk or at another registration location authorized under s.~~
15 ~~6.28 (1), and proof of residence under s. 6.34,~~ the municipal clerk shall examine the
16 form and proof of residence for sufficiency.

17 (2) If the form or proof of residence is insufficient to accomplish registration or
18 the clerk knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified,
19 the clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that
20 the elector appear at the clerk's office or other registration center to complete a
21 proper registration, provide acceptable proof of residence, or substantiate the
22 information presented.

23 (3) If the form or proof of residence is submitted later than the close of
24 registration, the clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or

1 she may register at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or
2 other location designated under s. 6.55 (2).

3 (4) If the form and proof of residence is sufficient to accomplish registration and
4 the clerk has no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not
5 qualified, the clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and
6 transmit a 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward
7 or aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall
8 be sent within 10 days of receipt of the registration form. If the letter or postcard is
9 returned, or if the clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified by
10 the elector, the clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from eligible to
11 ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal
12 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector does not reside
13 at the address given on the letter or postcard.

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~~SECTION 26. 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:~~

15 6.33 (1) The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient registration forms as
16 prescribed by the board printed on loose-leaf sheets or cards to obtain from each
17 applicant information as to name; date; residence location; citizenship; date of birth;
18 age; the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the
19 last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number; whether the applicant
20 has resided within the ward or election district for at least 10 days; whether the
21 applicant has lost his or her right to vote; been convicted of a felony for which he or
22 she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant is incarcerated, or on
23 parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the applicant is disqualified on
24 any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant is currently registered to
25 vote at any other location. The forms shall also provide a space for the applicant's

if the applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued by another state, the state license number and expiration date of the license;

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1 signature and the ward and aldermanic district, if any, where the elector resides and
 2 any other information required to determine the offices and referenda for which the
 3 elector is certified to vote. The forms shall also include a space where the clerk may
 4 record an indication of whether the form is received by mail was submitted in person
 5 in the office of the municipal clerk or another registration location authorized under
 6 s. 6.28 (1), a space where the clerk may record an indication of the type of identifying
 7 document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34, and a space
 8 where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card
 9 issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number
 10 appearing on the voting identification card. Each register of deeds shall obtain
 11 sufficient registration forms at the expense of the unit of government by which he or
 12 she is employed for completion by any elector who desires to register to vote at the
 13 office of the register of deeds under s. 6.28 (3). The form shall contain instructions
 14 regarding the requirement to provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. Each county
 15 clerk shall obtain sufficient registration forms for completion by an elector who
 16 desires to register to vote at the office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

17 **SECTION 27.** 6.33 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

18 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward
 19 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the
 20 indication of whether the registration is received by mail was submitted in person
 21 in the office of the municipal clerk or another registration location authorized under
 22 s. 6.28 (1) shall be recorded by the clerk. All information shall be recorded in a legible
 23 manner. Each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is
 24 unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant
 25 may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant

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1 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the
 2 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is
 3 (B) unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

4 (b) Except as provided in s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the registration form shall be signed
 5 by the registering elector and any corroborating elector under s. 6.29 (2) (a) or 6.55
 6 (2) before the clerk, issuing officer or registration deputy. The form shall contain a
 7 certification by the registering elector that all statements are true and correct and
 8 a certification by the clerk, issuing officer, or registration deputy that the completed
 9 form is legible.

10 SECTION 28. 6.34 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **6.34 Proof of residence required.** (1) Upon completion of a registration
 12 form prescribed under s. 6.33, each elector required to register under s. 6.27 shall
 13 provide an identifying document establishing proof of residence under sub. (2) or a
 14 copy of such document if registering by mail.

15 (3) (a) Identifying documents used to establish proof of an elector's residence
 16 under sub. (1) shall contain the information required under par. (b) and shall be
 17 limited to the following:

- 18 1. A current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343.
- 19 2. A current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50.
- 20 3. Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin
 21 governmental body or unit.
- 22 4. An official identification card or license issued by an employer in the normal
 23 course of business that contains a photograph of the cardholder or licenseholder, but
 24 not including a business card.

if registering in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or a registration location established under s. 6.28(1),

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 Except as authorized in ss. 6.29(2) and 6.86(3) (a) 2.,
 who is
 if registering in any other manners shall provide
 an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3)
 and who is not a military elector or an overseas elector as defined in s. 6.34(1) sub. (1)

1 5. A real ^{property} estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the
2 date of the election. ✓

3 6. A university, college, or technical college fee or identification card that
4 contains a photograph of the cardholder. A card under this subdivision that does not
5 contain the information specified in par. (b) shall be considered acceptable proof of
6 residence if the university, college, or technical college that issued the card provides
7 a certified and current list of students who reside in housing sponsored by the
8 university, college, or technical college to the municipal clerk prior to the election
9 showing the current address of the students and if the municipal clerk, special
10 registration deputy, or inspector verifies that the student presenting the card is
11 included on the list.

12 7. A utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the
13 day registration is made.

14 8. A bank statement.

15 9. A paycheck.

16 10. A check or other document issued by a unit of government.

17 (b) The identifying documents prescribed in par. (a) shall contain all of the
18 following in order to be considered acceptable proof of residence:

19 1. A current and complete name, including both the given and family name.

20 2. A current and complete residential address, including a numbered street
21 address, if any, and the name of a municipality.

22 (c) Identifying documents specified in par. (a) which are valid for use during a
23 specified period ^{must} shall be valid on the day that ^{an elector makes application for} registration ~~is made~~ in order to
24 constitute acceptable poof of residence at the election.

25 SECTION 29. 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official
 2 registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered
 3 elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district
 4 of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number
 5 assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector
 6 under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account
 7 number, if any, if the applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued by another state,
 8 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the the
 9 elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), state,
 10 license
 11 number
 12 and
 13 expiration
 14 date of
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 16 license.

16 **SECTION 30.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265, ✓
 17 section 58b, is amended to read:

18 6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in ^{par.} ~~par.~~ (b) ^{and} ~~and~~ (c), each registration list
 19 prepared for use as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee
 20 ballots at an election shall contain the full name and address of each registered elector; a blank
 21 column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they vote, ~~if the list~~
 22 ~~is prepared for use at an election for national office, or the poll list number used by~~
 23 ~~the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in canvassing absentee ballots,~~ an
 24 indication next to the name of each elector for whom identification is required under
 25 ~~par. (c) 2.~~ and a form of certificate bearing the certification of the executive director

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1 of the board stating that the list is a true and complete registration list of the
2 municipality or the ward or wards for which the list is prepared

3 SECTION 31. 6.36 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,

4 is amended to read: repealed.

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5 6.36 (2) (c) 2. If the registration list is prepared for use at an election for
6 national office, the The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an
7 indication of whether identification proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for
8 the elector to be permitted to vote. Identification Proof of residence under s. 6.34 is
9 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector
10 registers by mail does not register in person in the office of the municipal clerk or at
11 another registration location authorized under s. 6.28 (1) and has not previously
12 voted in an election for national office in this state.

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13 SECTION 32. 6.36 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

14 6.36 (5) The board shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of the
15 official registration list, or a portion of the list. The amount of the fee shall be set,
16 after consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount
17 estimated to cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list
18 at the state and local level. The rules shall require that fees received be shared
19 between the state and local jurisdictions, and shall specify a method for such allocation.

revenues from municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5)(b)

20 SECTION 33. 6.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has
22 changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal
23 clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice
24 by 1st class mail to the elector's registration address stating the source of the
25 information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a

1 registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of
 2 election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails
 3 to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is
 4 mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall change the elector's
 5 registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information
 6 that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,
 7 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall transfer the elector's
 8 registration and mail the elector a notice of the transfer under s. 6.40 (2). This
 9 subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any registration under
 10 s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925 or, 6.93, or 7.52 (5). ✓ (form)

11 **SECTION 34.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 (form) 6.55 (2) (a) 1. Except where the procedure under par. (c) or (cm) is employed,
 13 any person who qualifies as an elector in the ward or election district where he or she
 14 desires to vote, but has not previously filed a registration form, or was registered at
 15 another location, may request permission to vote at the polling place for that ward
 16 or election district, or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).
 17 When a proper request is made, the inspector shall require the person to execute a
 18 registration form prescribed by the board. The registration form shall be completed
 19 in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2) and shall contain all information required
 20 under s. 6.33 (1), together with the following certification:

21 "I,, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,
 22 having resided at for at least 10 days immediately preceding this election, and
 23 that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting, and I have not voted, at this
 24 election."

25 **SECTION 35.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the elector
 2 shall provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence under sub. (7) s. 6.34. If the elector cannot
 3 provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence, the information contained in the registration
 4 form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any elector who resides
 5 in the same municipality as the registering elector and that contains the current
 6 street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator shall then provide
 7 ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence as provided in sub. (7) s. 6.34. The signing by the elector
 8 executing the registration form and by any corroborator shall be in the presence of
 9 the special registration deputy or inspector who shall ensure that the form is
 10 completed in a legible manner and who shall then sign the form. Upon compliance
 11 with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector
 12 complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling place.

not provide proof of residence and the elector's residence is not corroborated by another elector of the same ward or election district where the elector resides, the inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

13 SECTION 36. 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.
 15 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
 16 municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who
 17 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another
 18 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the
 19 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),
 20 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the
 21 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the
 22 polling place. The municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy at the
 23 registration location shall require such person to execute The elector who desires to
 24 register shall execute a registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and to provide
 25 ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence as provided under sub. (7) s. 6.34. If the elector cannot



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 1 provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence, the information contained in the registration
 2 form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). The signing by the
 3 elector executing the registration form and by any corroborator shall be in the
 4 presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy. Upon
 5 ensuring that the form has been completed in a legible manner, the municipal clerk,
 6 the deputy clerk, or the special registration deputy shall sign the form. Upon proper
 7 completion of registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration
 8 deputy shall serially number the registration and give one copy to the elector for
 9 presentation at the polling place serving the elector's residence or an alternate
 10 polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

If the elector does not provide proof of residence and the elector's residence is not corroborated by another elector of the same ward or election district where the elector resides, the inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

SECTION 37. 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

11 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for
 12 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name
 13 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as
 14 ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area
 15 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that
 16 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection
 17 or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the ^{inspectors or} special registration deputies shall review the list. If the name
 18 of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the ^{inspectors or} special registration
 19 deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's agent that the elector is ineligible
 20 to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's agent maintains that the elector is
 21 eligible to vote in the election, the ^{inspectors or} special registration deputies shall permit the
 22 elector to register but shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote
 23 per Department of Corrections." If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall

district where the elector resides, the inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

1 require the elector to vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s.
2 6.79 (2) (dm). ✓

3 SECTION 38. 6.55 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.55 (3) (a) and amended to
4 read:

5 6.55 (3) (a) Any qualified elector in the ward or election district where the
6 elector desires to vote whose name does not appear on the registration list but who
7 claims to be registered to vote in the election may request permission to vote at the
8 polling place for that ward or election district. When the request is made, the
9 inspector shall require the person to give his or her name and address. If the elector
10 is not at the polling place which serves the ward or election district where the elector
11 resides, the inspector shall provide the elector with directions to the correct polling
12 place. If the elector is at the correct polling place, the elector shall then execute the
13 following written statement: "I, ..., hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge,
14 I am a qualified elector, having resided at for at least 10 days immediately
15 preceding this election, and that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting, and
16 I have not voted at this election and am properly registered to vote in this election."
17 The person shall be required to provide acceptable proof of residence as provided
18 under sub. (7) and shall then be given the right to vote. If the elector cannot provide
19 acceptable proof of residence, the statement shall be certified by the elector and shall
20 be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector who resides in the
21 municipality and that contains the current street address of the corroborating
22 elector. The corroborator shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided
23 in sub. (7). Whenever the question of identity or residence cannot be satisfactorily
24 resolved and the elector cannot be permitted to vote, an inspector shall telephone the

1 office of the municipal clerk to reconcile the records at the polling place with those
2 at the office complete registration as provided in sub. (2).

3 SECTION 39. 6.55 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.55 (3) (b) Prior to permitting an elector to vote under this subsection, the
5 inspectors shall review the list provided by the board under sub. (2) (cs). If the name
6 of the elector appears on the list, the inspectors shall inform the elector that he or
7 she is ineligible to vote at the election. If the elector maintains that he or she is
8 eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors shall permit the elector to vote, but shall
9 require the elector to vote by ballot, and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s.
10 6.79 (2) (dm).

11 SECTION 40. 6.55 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

12 SECTION 41. 6.56 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.56 (3) Upon receipt of the list under sub. (1), the municipal clerk or, board of
14 election commissioners, elections or board shall make an audit of all electors registering to
15 vote at the polling place or other registration location under s. 6.55 (2) and all electors
16 registering by agent on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2. The audit shall be made
17 by 1st class postcard. The postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal
18 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk or, board of election
19 commissioners, elections or board if the elector does not reside at the address given on the
20 postcard. If any postcard is returned undelivered, or if the clerk or, board of election
21 commissioners, elections or board is informed of a different address than the one specified by
22 the elector which was apparently improper on the day of the election, the clerk or,
23 elections board of election commissioners, or board shall change the status of the elector from
24 eligible to ineligible on the registration list and mail the elector a notice of the change

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1 in status and provide the name to the district attorney for the county where the
2 polling place is located.

3 SECTION 42. 6.56 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.56 (3m) As soon as possible after all information relating to registrations
5 after the close of registration for an election is entered on the registration list
6 following the election under s. 6.33 (5) (a), the board shall compare the list of new
7 registrants with the list containing the names transmitted to the board by the
8 department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as of election day ~~but~~ whose names
9 do not appear on the poll lists for the election because the names were added after
10 the board certified the poll lists for use at the election. If the board finds that the
11 name of any person whose name appears on the list transmitted under s. 301.03 (20)
12 has been added to the registration list, the board shall enter on the list the
13 information transmitted to the board under s. 301.03 (20) and shall notify the district
14 attorney that the person appears to have voted illegally at the election.

15 SECTION 43. 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
16 is amended to read: ~~repealed.~~ fix component

17 6.79 (2) (d) If the poll list indicates that identification proof of residence under
18 s. 6.34 is required, the officials shall require the elector to provide identification proof
19 of residence. If identification proof of residence is provided, the officials shall verify
20 that the name and address on the identification proof of residence provided is the
21 same as the name and address shown on the registration list. If identification proof
22 of residence is required and not provided, the officials shall offer the opportunity for
23 the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

24 SECTION 44. 6.79 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 6.79 (2) (dm) If the poll list indicates that the elector is ineligible to vote because
2 the elector's name appears on the current list provided by the department of
3 corrections under s. 301.03 (20), the inspectors shall inform the elector of this fact.
4 If the elector maintains that he or she is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors
5 shall provide the elector with a ballot and, after the elector casts his or her vote, shall
6 challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided
7 in s. 6.95. ✓

8 **SECTION 45.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an elector is at the entrance
10 to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling place,
11 they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any individual
12 selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or
13 an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector. The
14 individual selected by the elector shall provide identification proof of residence under
15 s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other information
16 necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The inspectors shall issue
17 a ballot to the individual selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual
18 to the polling place entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a
19 paper ballot, the assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked
20 by the assisting individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the
21 ballot into the polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall
22 distinctly announce that he or she has "a ballot offered by (stating person's name),
23 an elector who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without
24 assistance". The inspector shall then ask, "Does anyone object to the reception of this
25 ballot?" If no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector's name under

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s. 6.79 and deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll list: "Ballot received at poll entrance".

SECTION 46. 6.855 of the statutes is created to read:

6.855 Alternate absentee ballot site. (1) The governing body of a

municipality may elect to designate a site other than the office of the municipal clerk

or board of election commissioners as the location from which electors of the

municipality may request and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee

ballots are returned by an elector. An election by a governing body to ~~establish~~ ^{designate} an

alternate site under this section must be made no fewer than 14 days prior to the time

that absentee ballots are available for a ^{primary} ~~primary~~ under s. 7.15 (1) (cm) and shall

remain in effect until at least the day after the election. If the governing body of a

municipality makes an election under this section, ^{voting and return of} no function related to absentee

ballots that ^{is} ~~are~~ to be conducted at the alternate site may be conducted in the office

of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners.

(2) ^{The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall prominently} Notice of the ~~establishment~~ ^{designation} of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) shall

be prominently displayed in the office of the municipal clerk or board of election

commissioners during the time that absentee ballots are available ^{for the election and} under s. 7.15 (1)

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(3) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be staffed by the municipal clerk or

the executive director of the board of election commissioners, or employees of the

clerk or the board of election commissioners.

(4) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be accessible to all individuals with

disabilities.

SECTION 47. 6.86 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.86 (1) (a) 2. In person at the office of the municipal clerk or at an alternate
2 site under s. 6.855, if applicable.

3 **SECTION 48.** 6.86 (1) (ac) ¹of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.86 (1) (ac) Any ~~registered~~ elector qualifying under ~~(ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an~~
5 ~~absent elector, or any military elector under s. 6.22 or 6.36 (2) (c) 1. a.~~ ^{par. (a)} may make
6 written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile
7 transmission or electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall contain
8 a copy of the applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this
9 paragraph shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original
10 signature of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4).

11 **SECTION 49.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made ~~in writing~~
13 ~~by mail~~, the application, signed by the elector, shall be received no later than 5 p.m.
14 on the Friday 6th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in
15 person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding the
16 election. If the ~~elector is making written application and the~~ application indicates
17 that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered
18 juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the
19 application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election,
20 the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court
21 in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall
22 recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall
23 then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot
24 to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in
25 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal

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1 clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2), the application may
 2 be received no later than 5 p.m. on the ~~Friday~~ ^{7th day} immediately preceding the election.

3 SECTION 50. 6.86 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.86 (1) (c) If an application is made by mail by a military elector, as defined
 5 in s. 6.22 (1) (b), the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday
 6 immediately preceding the election.

7 SECTION 51. 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
 9 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier
 10 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

11 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
 12 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by
 13 absentee ballot. ~~If identification proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required, the~~

14 ^{The} municipal clerk shall ~~so~~ inform the agent and the elector shall enclose ~~identification~~ ^{that proof of residence is required}

15 proof of residence in the envelope with the ballot. The ballot shall be sealed by the
 16 elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal delivery of

17 the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent shall make
 18 personal delivery at to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's residence

19 before the closing hour ~~for the ballot to be counted or, in municipalities where~~
 20 absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later than 8

21 p.m. on election day.

22 SECTION 52. 6.865 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.865 (3) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a
 24 military elector or an overseas elector and the elector requests that he or she be sent
 25 an absentee ballot for the next 2 general elections, the municipal clerk or board of

1 election commissioners shall comply with the request except that no ballot shall be
2 sent for a succeeding general election if the elector's name appeared on the
3 registration list for a previous general election and no longer appears on the
4 registration list for the succeeding general election. If the elector's address for the
5 succeeding general election is in a municipality that is different from the
6 municipality in which the elector resided for the first general election, the clerk or
7 board of election commissioners shall forward the request to the clerk or board of
8 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides.

9 SECTION 53. 6.865 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

10 6.865 (3m) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a
11 military elector, *as defined in s. 6.34(1),* the request shall be treated as provided under s. 6.22 (4).

12 SECTION 54. 6.87 (3) (a), (b), and (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

13 6.87 (3) (a) Except as authorized under par. (d) and as otherwise provided in
14 s. 6.875, the municipal clerk shall mail the absentee ballot ~~postage prepaid for return~~
15 to the elector's temporary or permanent residence unless otherwise of the elector, as
16 directed by the elector, or shall deliver it to the elector personally at the clerk's office
17 or at an alternate site under s. 6.855. If the ballot is mailed, the elector shall provide
18 return postage. *unless the ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under*
19 alternate site under s. 6.855, the ballot shall be voted at the office or alternate site
20 and may not be removed therefrom.

21 (b) ~~No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a candidate,~~
22 ~~political party or other registrant under s. 11.05 unless the elector permanently or~~
23 ~~temporarily resides at that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an~~
24 ~~address given by an elector is not eligible to receive ballots under this paragraph~~
25 ~~subsection, the municipal clerk shall refrain from sending mailing or transmitting~~

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1 ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the municipal clerk shall notify an
2 elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or transmitted to the address directed by
3 the elector.

4 (d) A municipal clerk of a municipality may, if the clerk is reliably informed by
5 an absent elector of a facsimile transmission number located at the permanent or
6 temporary address of the elector or electronic mail address where the elector can
7 receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the absent
8 elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under this subsection if, in the
9 judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot through the mail may not
10 be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time provided under sub. (6). An
11 elector may receive an absentee ballot under this subsection only if the elector has
12 filed a valid application for the ballot under ~~sub. (1)~~. ^{5.6.86} If the clerk transmits an ✓
13 absentee ballot under this paragraph, the clerk shall also transmit a facsimile or
14 electronic copy of the text of the material that appears on the certificate envelope
15 prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions prescribed by the board. The
16 instructions shall require the absent elector to make and subscribe to the
17 certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the absentee ballot in a
18 separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall include the
19 completed certificate. The elector shall then mail the absentee ballot with postage
20 prepaid to the municipal clerk. ~~Except as authorized in s. 6.97 (2),~~ ^{An} an absentee ballot
21 received under this paragraph shall not be counted unless it is cast in the manner
22 prescribed in this paragraph and in accordance with the instructions provided by the
23 board.

24 SECTION 55. 6.87 (3) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

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1 SECTION 56. 6.87 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265, is
2 amended to read:

3 6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee
4 shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult U.S.
5 citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in
6 a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then,
7 still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and so that the
8 elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If
9 a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot so that
10 the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the proper

11 envelope. If the elector ^{has} ~~has~~ registered by mail and has not, or is not certain whether
12 ~~in person in the office of the municipal clerk or at another~~ the elector has, previously voted in an election for national office in this state, the
13 elector shall enclose identification proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope.

14 Identification Proof of residence is required if the elector is not a military elector or
15 an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.36 (2) (c), and the elector registered by mail ~~did~~
16 ^{has} ~~not register~~ ^{registered} in person in the office of the municipal clerk or ^{at another} ~~other~~ location authorized

17 under s. 6.28 (1) and has not voted in an election for national office in this state. If
18 the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail
19 under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request
20 which bears an original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance
21 under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be
22 a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, postage prepaid, or
23 delivered in person, to the municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. Failure to
24 return an unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the
25 elector's votes are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return

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1 of a ballot prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system
2 in a primary which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all
3 votes cast by the elector for candidates in the primary.

4 SECTION 57. 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (6) The Except as provided in s. 6.22 (5m), the ballot shall be returned so
6 it is received by the municipal clerk ~~in time for delivery~~ no later than 8 p.m. on
7 election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under
8 s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk
9 shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polls polling place
10 serving the elector's residence before the closing hour. Any Except as provided in s.
11 6.22 (5m), any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not
12 be counted.

13 SECTION 58. 6.875 (4) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

14 6.875 (4) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes and qualified
15 retirement homes and qualified community-based residential facilities, the
16 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one
17 or more nursing homes or qualified retirement homes or qualified community-based
18 residential facilities are located shall appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for
19 the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1) or (2) by one or more qualified
20 electors who are occupants of such a nursing home or qualified retirement home or
21 qualified community-based residential facility, the clerk or board of election
22 commissioners shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit the home or qualified
23 community-based residential facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting
24 procedure by occupants of the home or qualified community-based residential
25 facility. The clerk shall maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each

1 nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based
2 residential facility where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall
3 include the date and time the deputies intend to visit each facility. The 2 deputies
4 designated to visit each nursing home or qualified retirement home and qualified
5 community-based residential facility shall be affiliated with different political
6 parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.
7 Nominations for deputy positions may be submitted by the 2 recognized political
8 parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest numbers of
9 votes in the municipality at the most recent general election. The deputies shall be
10 specially appointed to carry out duties under this section for the period specified in
11 s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk or board of election commissioners may revoke an
12 appointment at any time. No individual who is employed or retained, or within the
13 2 years preceding appointment has been employed or retained at a nursing home or
14 qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential facility in the
15 municipality, or any member of the immediate family of such an individual as defined
16 in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to serve as a deputy.

17 (6) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than 5 p.m. on
18 the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times with the
19 administrator of each nursing home, qualified retirement home, and qualified
20 community-based residential facility in the municipality from which one or more
21 occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the
22 election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and
23 no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. Upon request of a relative
24 of an occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified
25 community-based residential facility, the administrator may notify the relative of

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1 the time or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the
2 home or facility, and permit the relative to be present in the room where the voting
3 is conducted. The municipal clerk shall post a notice at the facility indicating the
4 date and time that absentee voting will take place at that facility. The notice shall
5 be posted as soon as practicable after arranging the visit but in no case less than 24
6 hours before the visit. At the designated time, 2 deputies appointed under sub. (4)
7 shall visit the home or facility. The municipal clerk or executive director of the board
8 of election commissioners shall issue a supply of absentee ballots to the deputies
9 sufficient to provide for the number of valid applications received by the clerk, and
10 a reasonable additional number of ballots. Each deputy may exercise the authority
11 granted to the chief inspector under s. 7.41. The municipal clerk or executive director
12 shall keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall require the
13 deputies to return every ballot issued to them. The deputies shall personally offer
14 each elector who has filed a proper application the opportunity to cast his or her
15 absentee ballot. If an elector is present who has not filed a proper application, the
16 2 deputies may accept an application from the elector and shall issue a ballot to the
17 elector if the elector is qualified and the application is proper. The deputies shall
18 each witness the certification and may, upon request of the elector, assist the elector
19 in marking the elector's ballot. Upon request of the elector, a relative of the elector
20 who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. All
21 voting shall be conducted in the presence of the deputies. No individual other than
22 a deputy may witness the certification and no individual other than a deputy or
23 relative of an elector may render voting assistance to the elector. Upon completion
24 of the voting, the deputies shall promptly deliver, either personally or by 1st class
25 mail, any absentee ballot applications and the sealed certificate envelope containing

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1 each ballot to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality in
 2 which the elector casting the ballot resides, within such time as will permit delivery
 3 to the polling place serving the elector's residence on election day. Personal delivery
 4 may be made by the deputies no later than noon on election day. If a qualified elector
 5 is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate visits by the deputies to the home
 6 or facility, they shall so inform the municipal clerk or executive director of the board
 7 of election commissioners, who may then send the ballot to the elector no later than
 8 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

9 **SECTION 59.** 6.875 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

10 6.875 (7) One observer from each of the 2 recognized political parties whose
 11 candidate for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the
 12 municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each
 13 facility where absentee voting will take place under this section. The observers may
 14 observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common areas of the facility.
 15 Each party wishing to have an observer present shall submit the name of the
 16 observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners ^{no later than the close of business on the last business} ~~one~~ day prior to the visit.

17 **SECTION 60.** 6.88 (1) to (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

18 6.88 (1) When an absentee ballot arrives at the office of the municipal clerk,
 19 or at an alternate site under s. 6.855, if applicable, the clerk shall enclose it,
 20 unopened, in a carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the
 21 name and official title of the clerk, and the words "This envelope contains the ballot
 22 of an absent elector and must be opened in the same room where votes are being cast
 23 at the polls during polling hours on election day or, in municipalities where absentee
 24 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, ^{starts,} at a meeting of the municipal board of absentee
 25 ballot canvassers under s. 7.52 ^{starts,}". If the ballot was received by the elector by facsimile

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1 transmission or electronic mail and is accompanied by a separate certificate, the
2 clerk shall enclose the ballot in a certificate envelope and securely append the
3 completed certificate to the outside of the envelope before enclosing the ballot in the
4 carrier envelope. The clerk shall keep the ballot in the clerk's office or at the
5 alternate site, if applicable until delivered, as required in sub. (2).

6 (2) When an absentee ballot is received by the municipal clerk prior to the
7 delivery of the official ballots to the election officials of the ward in which the elector
8 resides or, where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal board
9 of absentee ballot canvassers, the municipal clerk shall seal the ballot envelope in
10 the carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1), and shall enclose the envelope in a
11 package and deliver the package to the election inspectors of the proper ward or
12 election district or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s.
13 7.52, to the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers when it convenes under
14 s. 7.52. When the official ballots for the ward or election district have been delivered
15 to the election officials ~~inspectors~~ before the receipt of an absentee ballot, the clerk
16 shall immediately enclose the envelope containing the absentee ballot in a carrier
17 envelope as provided under sub. (1) and deliver it in person to the proper election
18 officials.

19 (3) (a) Any Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed
20 under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day,
21 the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, open the carrier
22 envelope only, and in such a manner that a member of the public, if he or she desired,
23 could hear and see the procedures, announce the name of the absent elector or the
24 identification serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential
25 listing under s. 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been

1 properly executed, the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district,
2 and the applicant has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the
3 poll list next to the applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the
4 elector. They shall then open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as
5 not to deface or destroy the certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the
6 ballot without unfolding it or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the
7 ballot is cast under s. 6.95, the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been
8 endorsed by the issuing clerk. ~~If the poll list indicates that identification proof of~~
9 ~~residence under s. 6.34 is required and no identification proof of residence is enclosed~~
10 ~~or the name or address on the document that is provided is not the same as the name~~
11 ~~and address shown on the poll list, the inspectors shall proceed as provided under~~
12 ~~s. 6.97 (2).~~ The inspectors shall then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and
13 enter the absent elector's name or voting number after his or her name on the poll
14 list in the same manner as if the elector had been present and voted in person.

15 (b) When the inspectors find that a certification is insufficient, that the
16 applicant is not a qualified elector in the ward or election district, that the ballot
17 envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, that the ballot envelope contains
18 more than one ballot of any one kind or, except in municipalities where absentee
19 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, that the certificate of an elector who received an
20 absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or electronic mail is missing, or if proof is
21 submitted to the inspectors that an elector voting an absentee ballot has since died,
22 the inspectors shall not count the ballot. The inspectors shall endorse every ballot
23 not counted on the back, "rejected (giving the reason)". The inspectors shall reinsert
24 each rejected ballot into the certificate envelope in which it was delivered and enclose
25 the certificate envelopes and ballots, and securely seal the ballots and envelopes in

1 an envelope marked for rejected absentee ballots. The inspectors shall endorse the
 2 envelope, "rejected ballots" with a statement of the ward or election district and date
 3 of the election, signed by the chief inspector and one of the inspectors representing
 4 each of the 2 major political parties and returned to the municipal clerk in the same
 5 manner as official ballots voted at the election.

6 ^④ ~~Sec. #.~~ CR; 6.88(3)(c)
 (c) The inspectors shall review each certificate envelope to determine whether
 7 any absentee ballot is cast by an elector whose name appears on the poll list as
 8 ineligible to vote at the election by reason of a felony conviction. If the inspectors
 9 receive an absentee ballot that has been cast by an elector whose name appears on
 10 the poll list as ineligible for that reason, the inspectors shall challenge the ballot as
 11 provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided in s. 6.95.

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12 SECTION 61. 6.93 of the statutes is amended to read:

13 **6.93 Challenging the absent elector.** The vote of any absent elector may be
 14 challenged for cause and the inspectors of election shall have all the power and
 15 authority given them to hear and determine the legality of the ballot the same as if
 16 the ballot had been voted in person. In municipalities where absentee ballots are
 17 canvassed under s. 7.52, the vote of an absentee elector may be challenged as
 18 provided in s. 7.52 (5). ✓

19 SECTION 62. 6.935 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **6.935 Challenge based on incompetency.** Section 6.03 (3) applies to any
 21 challenge of a person's right to vote under s. 6.92, 6.925 or, 6.93, or 7.52 (5) based on ✓
 22 an allegation that an elector is incapable of understanding the objective of the
 23 elective process and thereby ineligible to vote.

24 SECTION 63. 6.97 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

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1 6.97 (1) Whenever any individual who is required to provide identification
2 proof of residence under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to ^{register to} vote appears to vote at a
3 polling place and cannot provide the required identification proof of residence, or the
4 individual has not provided proof of residence as provided in s. 6.88 (3) (a) or 7.52 (3)
5 (a), the inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the individual to vote under this
6 section. If the individual wishes to vote, the inspectors shall provide the elector with
7 an envelope marked "Ballot under s. 6.97, stats." on which the serial number of the
8 elector is entered and shall require the individual to execute on the envelope a
9 written affirmation stating that the individual is a qualified elector of the ward or
10 election district where he or she offers to vote and is eligible to vote in the election.
11 The inspectors shall, before giving the elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot
12 the serial number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the election
13 on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". If
14 voting machines are used in the municipality where the individual is voting, the
15 individual's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the
16 municipal clerk which shall have the corresponding number from the poll list or
17 other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97" written on the back of
18 the ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. When receiving
19 the individual's ballot, the inspectors shall provide the individual with written
20 voting information prescribed by the board under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall
21 indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required to provide identification
22 proof of residence ^{for registration} but did not do so. The inspectors shall notify the individual that
23 he or she may provide identification proof of residence to the municipal clerk or
24 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners. The inspectors
25 shall also promptly notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the name,

1 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the
2 ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

3 ~~(2) Whenever any individual who votes by absentee ballot is required to
4 provide identification proof of residence under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to vote
5 and does not provide the required identification proof of residence, the inspectors or,
6 in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, the municipal
7 board of absentee canvassers shall write on the back of the absentee ballot the serial
8 number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll
9 list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". The inspectors
10 or board of absentee ballot canvassers shall indicate on the list the fact that the
11 individual is required to provide identification but did not do so. The inspectors or
12 board of absentee ballot canvassers shall promptly notify the municipal clerk or
13 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners of the name,
14 address, and serial number, or in municipalities where absentee ballots are
15 canvassed under s. 7.52, the poll list number of the individual. The inspectors or
16 board of absentee ballot canvassers shall then place the ballot inside an envelope on
17 which the name and serial or poll list number of the elector is entered and shall place
18 the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.~~

19 SECTION 64. 7.03 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 7.03 (1) (a) Except as authorized under this paragraph, a reasonable daily
21 compensation shall be paid to each inspector, voting machine custodian, automatic
22 tabulating equipment technician, member of a board of canvassers, messenger, and
23 tabulator who is employed and performing duties under chs. 5 to 12. Daily
24 compensation shall also be provided to officials inspectors and inspector trainees for
25 attendance at training programs conducted by the board municipal clerks under s.

1 7.31. Alternatively, such election officials and trainees may be paid by the hour at
2 a proportionate rate for each hour actually worked. Any election official or trainee
3 may choose to volunteer his or her services by filing with the municipal clerk of the
4 municipality in which he or she serves a written declination to accept compensation.
5 The volunteer status of the election official or trainee remains effective until the
6 official or trainee files a written revocation with the municipal clerk.

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7 **SECTION 65.** 7.08 (8) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 7.08 (8) (title) ELECTORS VOTING WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION PROOF OF RESIDENCE OR
9 PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER.

10 **SECTION 66.** 7.10 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

11 7.10 (1) (d) The county clerk may receive and store any unused ballots after an
12 election upon request of any municipal clerk of a municipality within the county, and
13 may destroy such ballots pursuant to s. 7.23 (1) (am). ✓

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14 **SECTION 67.** 7.15 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 7.15 (1) (e) ~~In coordination with the board, instruct~~ Train election officials in
16 their duties, calling them together whenever advisable, advise them of changes in
17 laws, rules and procedures affecting the performance of their duties, and administer
18 examinations as authorized under s. 7.30 (2) (c). The training shall meet the
19 requirements ^{prescribed} promulgated in rules by the board under s. 7.31. ^{conform with} The clerk shall assure
20 that officials who serve at polling places where an electronic voting system is used
21 are familiar with the system and competent to instruct electors in its proper use. The
22 clerk shall inspect systematically and thoroughly the conduct of elections in the
23 municipality so that elections are honestly, efficiently and uniformly conducted.

24 **SECTION 68.** 7.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

1 7.15 (1m) ATTEND TRAINING. Each municipal clerk shall, at least once every two
2 years, attend training sponsored by the board under 7.31. ^{SS1} and 7.315

3 SECTION 69. 7.15 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 7.15 (2m) OPERATION OF ALTERNATE ABSENTEE BALLOT SITE. In a municipality in
5 which the governing body has elected to establish an alternate absentee ballot site
6 under s. 6.855, the municipal clerk shall operate such site as though it were his or
7 her office for absentee ballot purposes and shall ensure that such site is adequately
8 staffed.

9 SECTION 70. 7.15 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 7.15 (11) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each municipal clerk shall assist the
11 board in the training of train election officials under ss. 5.05 (7) and ^{SS1} 7.31. and 7.315

12 SECTION 71. 7.23 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 7.23 (1) (a) Any Except as provided in par. (am). unused materials after an
14 election and the contents of the blank ballot box after a primary may be destroyed
15 at a time and in a manner designated by the appropriate clerk.

16 SECTION 72. 7.23 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

17 7.23 (1) (am) Unused ballots may be discarded or destroyed no earlier than the
18 day after the last day for the filing of a petition for a recount under s. 9.01 for any
19 office on the ballots.

20 SECTION 73. 7.30 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 7.30 (1) (a). ^{and amended to read:}

21 SECTION 74. 7.30 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

22 7.30 (1) (b) Each municipality may appoint one additional inspector to serve
23 at each polling place without regard to party affiliation who shall serve as a greeter
24 to answer questions and to direct electors to the proper locations for registration and

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1 voting and who shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must
2 leave the room during the voting process. ✓

3 **SECTION 75.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 27,
4 is amended to read:

5 7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may ✓
6 conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in s. 7.15
7 (1) (k), each election official shall be a qualified elector of the ward or wards, or the
8 election district, for which the polling place is established. A special registration
9 deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official who is appointed
10 under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident of the ward
11 or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the municipality, except
12 that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration deputy or is
13 appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need not be a
14 resident of the municipality, but shall be a resident of the state. No more than 2
15 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without regard to
16 municipal residency in any municipality at any election. Special registration
17 deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve more than
18 one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able to read and
19 write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding, and may not
20 be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they serve. In 1st
21 class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public. Except as
22 authorized under ~~sub.~~ subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated with
23 one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of votes
24 for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward or
25 combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. The Excluding

1 the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the
2 largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the
3 next largest number of votes at each polling place. ~~The same election~~ Election
4 officials appointed under this section may serve the electors of more than one ward
5 where wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into
6 wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large.

7 **SECTION 76.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is
9 16 or 17 years of age, and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school,
10 ~~and who has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent~~ may serve as an
11 inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the
12 pupil's parent or guardian and of the principal of the school in which the pupil is
13 enrolled. A school board or governing body of a private school may establish criteria
14 for participation by a pupil as an inspector. A pupil may serve as an inspector at a
15 polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling
16 place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may
17 serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment
18 by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal
19 clerk shall obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian and from
20 the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled for the pupil to serve for the
21 ~~entire term~~ election for which he or she is appointed. Upon appointment of a pupil
22 to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the principal of the school
23 where the pupil is enrolled of the date of expiration of the pupil's term of office the
24 name of the pupil and the
election at which the pupil has been appointed to serve.