



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 627

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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Senate Amendment 1 adds two new requirements to Assembly Bill 627 and current law. First, the amendment requires that prior to approval of any electronic voting system components, the Elections Board must contract with an independent testing authority that is approved by the federal Election Assistance Commission Standards Board for a complete functional testing of the electronic voting system. Second, the amendment adds a new prerequisite for Election Board approval of electronic voting systems. It provides that no ballot, voting device, automatic tabulating equipment, or related equipment and materials may be used in an electronic voting system in the state unless the Elections Board first receives a functional testing report concerning the system in which the component is used. These provisions would apply with respect to voting systems used at elections held on or after the effective date of the bill, i.e., January 1, 2006 or the day after publication of the bill as an Act, whichever is later.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was recommended for adoption by the Senate Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform by a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2, and the bill was recommended for passage, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1, on December 5, 2005.

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