

1 **SECTION 70.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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

11 “I,, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,
12 having resided at for at least ~~10~~ 28 consecutive days immediately preceding this
13 election, and I have not voted at this election.”

14 **SECTION 71.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the except as
16 authorized under s. 6.79 (7), each elector shall be required by a special registration
17 deputy or inspector to present proof of identification. The deputy or inspector shall
18 verify that the name on the proof of identification presented by the elector conforms
19 to the elector’s registration form and shall verify that any photograph appearing on
20 that document reasonably resembles the elector. If any document presented is not
21 proof of residence under s. 6.34, the elector shall also provide proof of residence under
22 s. 6.34. If the elector cannot provide proof of residence, the information contained
23 in the registration form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any
24 elector who resides in the same municipality as the registering elector and that
25 contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator

1 ~~shall then provide proof of residence as provided in s. 6.34. If the elector is registering~~
2 ~~to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid driver's license issued~~
3 ~~by another state, the inspector or deputy shall record on a separate list the name and~~
4 ~~address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration~~
5 ~~date of the license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and~~
6 ~~by any corroborator shall be in the presence of the special registration deputy or~~
7 ~~inspector who shall then print his or her name on and sign the form, indicating that~~
8 ~~the deputy or inspector has accepted the form. Upon compliance with this procedure,~~
9 ~~the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector complies with all~~
10 ~~other requirements for voting at the polling place.~~

11 **SECTION 72.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.
13 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
14 municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who
15 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another
16 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the
17 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),
18 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the
19 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the
20 polling place. The An eligible elector who desires to register shall execute a
21 registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and, except as authorized in s. 6.79 (7),
22 present proof of identification. The municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special
23 registration deputy shall verify that the name on the proof of identification presented
24 by the elector conforms to the elector's registration form and shall verify that any
25 photograph appearing on that document reasonably resembles the elector. If any

1 ~~document presented by the person is not acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.34,~~
2 ~~the person shall also provide proof of residence as provided under s. 6.34. If the~~
3 ~~elector cannot provide proof of residence, the information contained in the~~
4 ~~registration form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). If the~~
5 ~~elector is registering to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid~~
6 ~~driver's license issued by another state, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special~~
7 ~~registration deputy shall record on a separate list the name and address of the~~
8 ~~elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the~~
9 ~~license. The signing by the elector person executing the registration form and by any~~
10 ~~corroborator shall be in the presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special~~
11 ~~registration deputy. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration~~
12 ~~deputy shall then print his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk,~~
13 ~~deputy clerk, or deputy has accepted the form. Upon proper completion of~~
14 ~~registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall~~
15 ~~serially number the registration and give one copy to the elector person for~~
16 ~~presentation at the polling place serving the elector's person's residence or an~~
17 ~~alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).~~

18 **SECTION 73.** 6.55 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 6.55 (2) (c) 2. Upon compliance with the procedures under subd. 1., the
20 municipal clerk or deputy clerk shall issue a certificate addressed to the inspectors
21 of the proper polling place directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her
22 vote if the elector complies with all requirements for voting at the polling place. The
23 clerk shall enter the name and address of the elector on the face of the certificate.
24 ~~If the elector's registration is corroborated, the clerk shall also enter the name and~~
25 ~~address of the corroborator on the face of the certificate. The certificate shall be~~

1 numbered serially and prepared in duplicate. The municipal clerk shall preserve one
2 copy in his or her office.

3 **SECTION 74.** 6.56 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 75.** 6.79 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS. Two election officials at each election ward shall
6 be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists containing information
7 relating to all persons voting. The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the
8 information on the lists manually or electronically. If the lists are maintained
9 electronically, the board shall prescribe a supplemental list that contains the full
10 name, address, and space for the entry of the signature of each elector, or if the elector
11 is exempt from the signature requirement under s. 6.36 (2) (a), the word "exempt".
12 If the lists are maintained electronically, the officials shall enter the information into
13 an electronic data recording system that enables retrieval of printed copies of the
14 lists at the polling place. The system employed is subject to the approval of the board.

15 **SECTION 76.** 6.79 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.79 (2) (a) Unless information on the poll list is entered electronically, the
17 municipal clerk shall supply the inspectors with 2 copies of the most current official
18 registration list or lists prepared under s. 6.36 (2) (a) for use as poll lists at the polling
19 place. Except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (6) and (7), each person eligible elector, before
20 receiving a serial number, shall state his or her full name and address and present
21 to the officials proof of identification. The officials shall verify that the name on the
22 proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the poll list
23 or separate list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document
24 reasonably resembles the elector. The officials shall then require the elector to enter
25 his or her signature on the poll list, supplemental list, or separate list maintained

1 under par. (c) unless the elector is exempt from the signature requirement under s.
2 6.36 (2) (a). The officials shall verify that the name and address ~~provided~~ stated by
3 ~~the person are the same as~~ elector conform to the person's ~~elector's~~ name and address
4 on the poll list.

5 **SECTION 77.** 6.79 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

6 6.79 (2) (am) If an elector previously signed his or her registration form or is
7 exempt from a registration requirement and is unable, due to physical disability, to
8 enter his or her signature at the election, the officials shall waive the signature
9 requirement if the officials determine that the elector is unable, due to physical
10 disability, to enter his or her signature. In this case, the officials shall enter next to
11 the name and address of the elector on the poll, supplemental, or separate list the
12 words "exempt by order of inspectors". If both officials do not waive the signature
13 requirement and the elector wishes to vote, the official or officials who do not waive
14 the requirement shall require the elector to vote by ballot and shall challenge the
15 elector's ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided in
16 s. 6.95. The challenged elector may then provide evidence of his or her physical
17 disability to the board of canvassers charged with initially canvassing the returns
18 prior to the completion of the initial canvass.

19 **SECTION 78.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.79 (2) (d) If the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is
21 required and the document provided by the elector under par. (a) does not constitute
22 proof of residence under s. 6.34, the officials shall require the elector to provide proof
23 of residence. If proof of residence is provided, the officials shall verify that the name
24 and address on the identification document submitted as proof of residence provided
25 is the same as the name and address shown on the registration list. If proof of

1 residence is required and not provided, or if the elector does not present proof of
2 identification under par. (a), whenever required, the officials shall offer the
3 opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

4 **SECTION 79.** 6.79 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.79 (3) (title) ~~REFUSAL TO GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS~~ PROVIDE NAME, ADDRESS, OR
6 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

7 **SECTION 80.** 6.79 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.79 (3) (a).

8 **SECTION 81.** 6.79 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.79 (3) (b) If proof of identification under sub. (2) is not presented by the
10 elector, if the name appearing on the document presented does not conform to the
11 name on the poll list or separate list, or if any photograph appearing on the document
12 does not reasonably resemble the elector, the elector shall not be permitted to vote,
13 except as authorized under sub. (6) or (7), but if the elector is entitled to cast a
14 provisional ballot under s. 6.97, the officials shall offer the opportunity for the elector
15 to vote under s. 6.97.

16 **SECTION 82.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. When any elector provides proof of
18 residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2), the election officials shall enter the type of
19 identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained under sub.
20 (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence includes a number
21 which applies only to the individual holding that document, the election officials
22 shall also enter that number on the list. ~~When any elector corroborates the~~
23 ~~registration identity or residence of any person offering to vote under s. 6.55 (2) (b)~~
24 ~~or (c), or the registration identity or residence of any person registering on election~~
25 ~~day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the election officials shall also enter the name and address~~

1 ~~of the corroborator next to the name of the elector whose information is being~~
2 ~~corroborated on the poll list, or the separate list maintained under sub. (2) (c).~~ When
3 any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken the oath, following the
4 person's name on the poll list, the officials shall enter the word "Sworn".

5 **SECTION 83.** 6.79 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.79 (6) CONFIDENTIAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES. An elector who has a confidential
7 listing under s. 6.47 (2) may present his or her identification card issued under s. 6.47
8 (3), or give his or her name and identification serial number issued under s. 6.47 (3),
9 in lieu of stating his or her name and address and presenting proof of identification
10 under sub. (2). If the elector's name and identification serial number appear on the
11 confidential portion of the list, the inspectors shall issue a voting serial number to
12 the elector, record that number on the poll list and permit the elector to vote.

13 **SECTION 84.** 6.79 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

14 6.79 (7) LICENSE SURRENDER. If an elector receives a citation or notice of intent
15 to revoke or suspend an operator's license from a law enforcement officer in any
16 jurisdiction that is dated within 60 days of the date of an election and is required to
17 surrender his or her operator's license or driving receipt issued to the elector under
18 ch. 343 at the time the citation or notice is issued, the elector may present an original
19 copy of the citation or notice in lieu of an operator's license or driving receipt issued
20 under ch. 343. In such case, the elector shall cast his or her ballot under s. 6.965.

21 **SECTION 85.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an eligible elector is at the
23 entrance to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling
24 place, they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any
25 individual selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that

1 employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.
2 The Except as authorized in s. 6.79 (6) and (7), the individual selected by the elector
3 shall present to the inspectors proof of identification and, if the proof of identification
4 does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, shall also provide proof of
5 residence under s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other
6 information necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The
7 inspectors shall verify that the name on the proof of identification presented by the
8 person assisting the elector conforms to the elector's name on the poll list or separate
9 list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document reasonably
10 resembles the elector. The inspectors shall then issue a ballot to the individual
11 selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual to the polling place
12 entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a paper ballot, the
13 assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked by the assisting
14 individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the ballot into the
15 polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall distinctly
16 announce that he or she has "a ballot offered by (stating person's name), an elector
17 who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without assistance".
18 The inspector shall then ask, "Does anyone object to the reception of this ballot?" If
19 no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector's name under s. 6.79 and
20 deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll list: "Ballot
21 received at poll entrance".

22 **SECTION 86.** 6.82 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.82 (2) (a) If an elector declares to the presiding election official that he or she
24 cannot read or write, or has difficulty in reading, writing or understanding English
25 or that due to disability is unable to mark a ballot or depress a button or lever on a

1 voting machine, the elector shall be informed by the officials that he or she may have
2 assistance. When assistance is requested, the elector may select any individual to
3 assist in casting his or her vote. The selected individual rendering assistance may
4 not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a
5 labor organization which represents the elector. The selected individual shall certify
6 on the back of the ballot that it was marked with his or her assistance. Where voting
machines are used, certification shall be made on the registration list.

8 SECTION 87. 6.85 of the statutes is renumbered 6.85 (1) and amended to read:

9 6.85 (1) An absent elector is any otherwise qualified elector who ~~for any reason~~

10 ~~is unable or unwilling to, for any reason, is or expects to be absent from the~~
11 ~~municipality in which the elector is a qualified elector on election day, or who,~~
12 ~~because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, employment, jury duty,~~
13 ~~service as an election official, attendance at a college or university, enrollment in a~~
14 ~~study program abroad, or religious reasons cannot~~ appear at the polling place in his

15 or her ward or election district. ~~No person under the age of 70 qualifies as an absent~~
16 ~~elector solely because of age.~~ ← plain period

17 (2) Any otherwise qualified elector who changes residence within this state by
18 moving to a different ward or municipality later than 10 ~~28~~ days prior to an election
19 may vote an absentee ballot in the ward or municipality where he or she was
20 qualified to vote before moving.

21 (3) An elector qualifying under this section may vote by absentee ballot under
22 ss. 6.86 to 6.89.

23 SECTION 88. 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector of a municipality who is registered to vote
25 whenever required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector

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~~is unable or unwilling to, for any reason, is or expects to be absent from the municipality in which the elector is a qualified elector on election day, or who, because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, employment, jury duty, service as an election official, attendance at a college or university, enrollment in a study program abroad, or religious reasons cannot~~

~~No person under the age of 70 qualifies as an absent~~

~~elector solely because of age.~~

← plain period

1 may make written application to the municipal clerk of that municipality for an
2 official ballot by one of the following methods:

3 **SECTION 89.** 6.86 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.86 (1) (a) 3. By signing a statement and filing a request to receive absentee
5 ballots under sub. (2) (a) or (2m) (a) or s. 6.22 (4) or 6.24 (4).

6 **SECTION 90.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application
8 to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or
9 electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall need not contain a copy
10 of the applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this
11 paragraph shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original
12 signature of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4) (b).

13 **SECTION 91.** 6.86 (1) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.86 (1) (ar) Except as authorized in s. 6.875 (6), the municipal clerk shall not
15 issue an absentee ballot unless the clerk receives a written application therefor from
16 a qualified elector of the municipality. The clerk shall retain each absentee ballot
17 application until destruction is authorized under s. 7.23 (1). Except as authorized
18 in s. 6.79 (6) and (7), if a qualified elector applies for an absentee ballot in person at
19 the clerk's office, the clerk shall not issue the elector an absentee ballot unless the
20 elector presents proof of identification. The clerk shall verify that the name on the
21 proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the elector's
22 application and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document
23 reasonably resembles the elector. The clerk shall then enter his or her initials on the
24 certificate envelope indicating that the absentee elector presented proof of
25 identification to the clerk.

1 **SECTION 92.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made by mail,
3 the application, ~~signed by the elector,~~ shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the
4 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in person, the
5 application shall be made no earlier than the opening of business on the 2nd Monday
6 preceding the election and no later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever
7 is later, on the day Friday preceding the election. ~~If~~ Except as provided in par. (c),
8 if the elector is making written application for an absentee ballot at the September
9 partisan primary or, the general election, the presidential preference primary, or a
10 special election for national office, and the application indicates that the elector is
11 a military elector, as defined in s. ~~6.36(2)(e)~~ 6.34(1), the application shall be received
12 by the municipal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application
13 indicates that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a
14 sequestered juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election
15 day. If the application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding
16 the election, the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot
17 to the court in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge.
18 The judge shall recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot.
19 The judge shall then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall
20 deliver the ballot to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling
21 place or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the
22 municipal clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2) or (2m),
23 the application may be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately
24 preceding the election.

1 **SECTION 93.** 6.86 (2m) of the statutes is renumbered 6.86 (2m) (a) and amended
2 to read:

3 6.86 (2m) (a) ~~An~~ Except as provided in this subsection, any elector other than
4 an elector who is ~~eligible to receive absentee ballots under sub. (2)~~ receives an
5 absentee ballot under s. 6.22 (4) or 6.24 (4) (c) may by written application filed with
6 the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides require that an
7 absentee ballot be sent or transmitted to the elector automatically for every election
8 that is held within the same calendar year in which the application is filed. The
9 application form and instructions shall be prescribed by the board, and furnished
10 upon request to any elector by each municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall
11 thereupon mail or transmit an absentee ballot to the elector for all elections that are
12 held in the municipality during the same calendar year that the application is filed,
13 except that the clerk shall not send an absentee ballot for an election if the elector's
14 name appeared on the registration list in eligible status for a previous election
15 following the date of the application but no longer appears on the list in eligible
16 status. The municipal clerk shall ensure that ~~the~~ any envelope containing the
17 absentee ballot is clearly marked as not forwardable. If an elector who files an
18 application under this subsection no longer resides at the same address that is
19 indicated on the application form, the elector shall so notify the municipal clerk. The
20 municipal clerk shall discontinue mailing or transmitting absentee ballots to an
21 elector under this subsection upon receipt of reliable information that the elector no
22 longer qualifies ~~for the service~~ as an elector of the municipality. In addition, the
23 municipal clerk shall discontinue mailing or transmitting absentee ballots to an
24 elector under this subsection if the elector fails to return any absentee ballot mailed
25 or transmitted to the elector. The municipal clerk shall notify the elector of any such

1 action not taken at the elector's request within 5 days, if possible. An elector who
2 fails to cast an absentee ballot but who remains qualified to receive absentee ballots
3 under this subsection may then receive absentee ballots for subsequent elections by
4 notifying the municipal clerk that the elector wishes to continue receiving absentee
5 ballots for subsequent elections.

6 (b) If a municipal clerk is notified by an elector that the elector's residence is
7 changed to another municipality within this state, the ~~municipal~~ clerk shall forward
8 the request to the municipal clerk of that municipality and that municipal clerk shall
9 honor the request, except as provided in this subsection.

10 **SECTION 94.** 6.86 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.86 (3) (a) 1. Any elector who is registered and who is hospitalized, may apply
12 for and obtain an official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot
13 for the hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and
14 containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed
15 by that elector and ~~any other elector residing in the same municipality as the~~
16 ~~hospitalized elector, corroborating the information contained therein.~~ The
17 corroborating elector shall state on the form his or her full name and address. The
18 form shall include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her
19 initials indicating that the agent presented proof of identification to the clerk on
20 behalf of the elector. Except as authorized for an elector who has a confidential
21 listing under s. 6.47 (2) or as authorized under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4., the agent shall
22 present the proof of identification required under sub. (1) (ar) and s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1.

23 **SECTION 95.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register
25 by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an

1 official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision,
2 the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required
3 information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, unless the elector is
4 unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize
5 another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another
6 elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request
7 and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to
8 physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other
9 information required under this subdivision. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this~~
10 ~~subdivision, the~~ The agent shall in every case provide proof of the elector's residence
11 under s. 6.34. ~~If the elector is registering to vote in the general election and the agent~~
12 ~~presents a valid driver's license issued to the elector by another state, the municipal~~
13 ~~clerk shall record on a separate list the name and address of the elector, the name~~
14 ~~of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the license. If the agent~~
15 ~~cannot present proof of residence, the registration form shall be signed and~~
16 ~~substantiated by another elector residing in the elector's municipality of residence~~
17 ~~corroborating the information in the form. The form shall contain the full name and~~
18 ~~address of the corroborating elector. The agent shall then present proof of the~~
19 ~~corroborating elector's residence under s. 6.34.~~

20 **SECTION 96.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
22 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier
23 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
24 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
25 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by

1 absentee ballot. If the elector is registering for the election after the close of
2 registration or if the elector registered by mail and has not voted in an election in this
3 state, the municipal clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34
4 is required and the elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the
5 envelope with the ballot. The clerk shall verify that the name on the proof of
6 identification presented by the agent conforms to the name on the elector's
7 application. The clerk shall then enter his or her initials on the carrier envelope
8 indicating that the agent presented proof of identification to the clerk. The agent is
9 not required to enter a signature on the registration list. The ballot shall be sealed
10 by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal
11 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent
12 shall make personal delivery to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's
13 residence before the closing hour or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are
14 canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

15 **SECTION 97.** 6.865 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **6.865 (title) Federal absentee ballot requests ballots.**

17 **SECTION 98.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 99.** 6.865 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 6.865 (3m) (a) ~~Except as provided in par. (c), if any elector who certifies~~ If an
20 individual who will be a military elector on election day applies for an absentee
21 ballot, the individual may certify that he or she will be a military elector on election
22 day requests an absentee ballot, the municipal clerk shall send or transmit to the
23 elector an absentee ballot for all elections that occur in the municipality or portion
24 thereof where the elector resides beginning on the date that the clerk receives the
25 request and ending on the day after the 3rd successive general election that follows

1 ~~receipt of the request, unless the elector otherwise requests. In addition, the~~
2 ~~municipal clerk shall continue to send or transmit to the elector an absentee ballot~~
3 ~~for all elections ending on the day after the 3rd successive general election that~~
4 ~~follows any election at which the elector returns an absentee ballot under this section~~
5 ~~or renews his or her request under par. (e) and the municipal clerk shall treat the~~
6 ~~ballot as provided under s. 6.221.~~

7 **SECTION 100.** 6.865 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.865 **(3m)** (b) A military elector may indicate an alternate address on his or
9 her absentee ballot application. If the elector's ballot is returned as undeliverable
10 prior to the deadline for receipt and return of absentee ballots under ~~sub. (3)~~ s. 6.87
11 (6) and the elector remains eligible to receive absentee ballots under this subsection,
12 the municipal clerk shall immediately send or transmit an absentee ballot to the
13 elector at the alternate address.

14 **SECTION 101.** 6.865 (3m) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 102.** 6.869 of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **6.869 Uniform instructions.** The board shall prescribe uniform instructions
17 for ~~municipalities to provide to absentee voters.~~ electors. The instructions shall
18 include the specific means of electronic communication that an absentee elector may
19 use to file an application for an absentee ballot and, if the absentee elector is required
20 to register, to request a registration form or change his or her registration and
21 information concerning whether proof of identification is required to be presented or
22 enclosed under s. 6.86 (1) (ar) or 6.87 (4) (b) 1. The instructions also shall include
23 information concerning the procedure for correcting errors in marking a ballot and
24 obtaining a replacement for a spoiled ballot. The procedure shall, to the extent

1 possible, respect the privacy of each elector and preserve the confidentiality of each
2 elector's vote.

3 **SECTION 103.** 6.87 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.87 (1) Upon proper request made within the period prescribed in s. 6.86, the
5 municipal clerk or a deputy clerk authorized by the municipal clerk shall write on
6 the official ballot, in the space for official endorsement, the clerk's initials and official
7 title. Unless application is made under s. 6.86 (1) (ac) or in person under s. 6.86 (1)
8 (ar), the absent elector is exempted from providing proof of identification under sub.
9 (4) (b) 2. or 3., or the applicant is a military or overseas elector, the absent elector shall
10 enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification or any authorized substitute
11 document with his or her application. The municipal clerk shall verify that the name
12 on the proof of identification conforms to the name on the application. The clerk shall
13 not issue an absentee ballot to an elector who is required to enclose a copy of proof
14 of identification or an authorized substitute document with his or her application
15 unless the copy is enclosed and the proof is verified by the clerk.

16 **SECTION 104.** 6.87 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.87 (2) Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk shall place
18 the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The envelope shall have
19 the name, official title and post-office address of the clerk upon its face. The other
20 side of the envelope shall have a printed certificate which shall include a space for
21 the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating that if the
22 absentee elector voted in person under s. 6.86 (1) (ar), the elector presented proof of
23 identification to the clerk and the clerk verified the proof presented. The certificate
24 shall also include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her
25 initials indicating that the elector is exempt from providing proof of identification

1 because the individual is a military or overseas elector or is exempted from providing
2 proof of identification under sub. (4) (b) 2. or 3. The certificate shall be in
3 substantially the following form:

4 [STATE OF

5 County of]

6 or

7 [(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

8 I, ..., certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false
9 statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of ..., or of
10 the ... aldermanic district in the city of ..., residing at* in said city, the county
11 of ..., state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at
12 the election to be held on; that I am not voting at any other location in this election;

13 that I am unable or unwilling to ~~appear~~^e appear at the polling place in the (ward)
14 (election district) on election day ~~because I expect to be absent from the municipality~~^e

15 ~~or because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, religious reasons,~~
16 ~~employment, jury duty, attendance at a college or university, enrollment in a study~~
17 ~~program abroad, or service as an election official, or because I~~^e

18 residence within the state from one ward or election district to another ~~within 10~~
19 later than 28 days before the election. I certify that I exhibited the enclosed ballot
20 unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her) presence and in the presence of
21 no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed the same in this envelope
22 in such a manner that no one but myself and any person rendering assistance under
23 s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance, could know how I voted.

24 Signed

25 Identification serial number, if any:

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1 The witness shall execute the following:

2 I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis.
3 Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above
4 statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not
5 a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent
6 municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any
7 candidate or measure.

8(Name)

9(Address)**

10 * — An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s.
11 6.47 (3), Wis. Stats., need not provide a street address.

12 ** — If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.875 (6),
13 Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

14 **SECTION 105.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.87 (3) (d) A municipal clerk ~~may~~ shall, if the clerk is reliably informed by an
16 absent elector of a facsimile transmission number or electronic mail address where
17 the elector can receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of
18 the absent elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under this subsection if,
19 ~~in the judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot through the mail~~
20 ~~may not be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time provided under sub.~~
21 ~~(6).~~ An elector may receive an absentee ballot ~~under this subsection~~ only if the elector
22 has filed a valid application for the ballot under s. 6.86 (1). If the clerk transmits an
23 absentee ballot ~~under this paragraph~~ to an absent elector electronically, the clerk
24 shall also transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the text of the material that
25 appears on the certificate envelope prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions

1 prescribed by the board. The instructions shall require the absent elector to make
2 and subscribe to the certification as required under sub. (4) (b) and to enclose the
3 absentee ballot in a separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall
4 include the completed certificate. The elector shall then affix sufficient postage
5 unless the absentee ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free
6 postage laws and shall mail the absentee ballot to the municipal clerk. Except as
7 authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an absentee ballot received ~~under this paragraph~~ from an
8 elector who receives the ballot electronically shall not be counted unless it is cast in
9 the manner prescribed in this paragraph and sub. (4) and in accordance with the
10 instructions provided by the board.

11 **SECTION 106.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 6.87 (4) (b) 1. and amended
12 to read:

13 6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting
14 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an
15 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the
16 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector
17 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and
18 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper
19 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the
20 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the
21 proper envelope. ~~If proof of residence is required~~ Except as authorized in subds. 2.
22 to 5. and s. 6.875 (6) and notwithstanding s. 343.43 (1) (f), if the elector has not
23 enclosed a copy of his or her proof of identification with his or her application, the
24 elector shall enclose a copy of the proof of identification in the manner provided in
25 sub. (1) in the envelope, unless the elector is a military elector or an overseas elector

1 or the elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2). If proof of residence under
2 s. 6.34 is required and the document enclosed by the elector under this subdivision
3 does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof
4 of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope. Proof of residence is required if the elector
5 is not a military elector or an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), and the elector
6 registered by mail and has not voted in an election in this state. If the elector
7 requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86
8 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request which bears an
9 original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance under sub. (5).
10 The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The
11 envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk
12 issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a location outside the
13 United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot qualifies for
14 delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused ballot in a
15 primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return
16 of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s.
17 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked
18 for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for
19 candidates in the primary.

20 **SECTION 107.** 6.87 (4) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

21 6.87 (4) (a) In this subsection:

- 22 1. "Military elector" has the meaning given in s. 6.34 (1) (a).
- 23 2. "Overseas elector" has the meaning given in s. 6.34 (1) (b).

24 **SECTION 108.** 6.87 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

1 6.87 (4) (b) 2. Unless subd. 3. applies, if the absentee elector has applied for and
2 qualified to receive absentee ballots automatically under s. 6.86 (2) (a), the elector
3 may, in lieu of providing a copy of proof of identification as required under subd. 1.,
4 submit with his or her absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who
5 witnesses voting of the ballot which contains the name and address of the elector and
6 verifies that the name and address are correct.

7 **SECTION 109.** 6.87 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

8 6.87 (4) (b) 3. If the absentee elector has received an absentee ballot from the
9 municipal clerk by mail for a previous election, has provided a copy of proof of
10 identification as required under subd. 1. with that ballot, and has not changed his
11 or her name or address since providing that proof of identification, the elector is not
12 required to provide a copy of the proof of identification required under subd. 1.

13 **SECTION 110.** 6.87 (4) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

14 6.87 (4) (b) 4. If the absentee elector has received a citation or notice of intent
15 to revoke or suspend an operator's license from a law enforcement officer in any
16 jurisdiction that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election and is required
17 to surrender his or her operator's license or driving receipt issued to the elector under
18 ch. 343 at the time the citation or notice is issued, the elector may enclose a copy of
19 the citation or notice in lieu of a copy of an operator's license or driving receipt issued
20 under ch. 343 if the elector is voting by mail, or may present an original copy of the
21 citation or notice in lieu of an operator's license or driving receipt under ch. 343 if the
22 elector is voting at the office of the municipal clerk.

23 **SECTION 111.** 6.87 (4) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.87 (4) (b) 5. Unless subd. 3. or 4. applies, if the absentee elector resides in a
25 qualified retirement home, as defined in s. 6.875 (1) (at), a qualified

1 community-based residential facility, as defined in s. 6.875 (1) (as), a residential care
2 apartment complex that is certified or registered under s. 50.034 (1), or an adult
3 family home that is certified under s. 50.032 or licensed under s. 50.033 and the
4 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the
5 complex, facility, or home is located does not send special voting deputies to visit the
6 complex, facility, or home at the election under s. 6.875, the elector may, in lieu of
7 providing proof of identification required under subd. 1., submit with his or her
8 absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who witnesses voting of
9 the ballot that contains the certification of the manager of the complex, facility, or
10 home that the elector resides in the complex, facility, or home and the complex,
11 facility, or home is certified or registered as required by law, that contains the name
12 and address of the elector, and that verifies that the name and address are correct.

13 **SECTION 112.** 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.87 (6) Except as provided in s. 6.221 (3), the ballot shall be returned so it is
15 received by the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Except in
16 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, if the municipal
17 clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk shall secure the ballot and
18 cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place serving the elector's residence
19 before the closing hour. Except as provided in s. 6.221 (3), the any ballot not mailed
20 or delivered as provided in this subsection may not be counted.

21 **SECTION 113.** 6.875 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **6.875 (title) Absentee voting in nursing and retirement certain homes**
23 **and certain community-based residential, facilities, and complexes.**

24 **SECTION 114.** 6.875 (1) (ap) and (asm) of the statutes are created to read:

1 6.875 (1) (ap) “Qualified adult family home” means a facility that is certified
2 or licensed to operate as an adult family home under s. 50.032 or 50.033 that qualifies
3 under sub. (2) (d) to utilize the procedures under this section.

4 (asm) “Qualified residential care apartment complex” means a facility that is
5 certified or registered to operate as a residential care apartment complex under s.
6 50.034 (1) that qualifies under sub. (2) (d) to utilize the procedures under this section.

7 **SECTION 115.** 6.875 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.875 (2) (a) The procedures prescribed in this section are the exclusive means
9 of absentee voting for electors who are occupants of nursing homes, qualified
10 community-based residential facilities ~~or~~, qualified retirement homes, qualified
11 residential care apartment complexes, and qualified adult family homes.

12 **SECTION 116.** 6.875 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

13 6.875 (2) (d) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of any
14 municipality where a residential care apartment complex certified or registered
15 under s. 50.034 (1) or an adult family home certified under s. 50.032 or licensed under
16 s. 50.033 is located may adopt the procedures under this section for absentee voting
17 in any such residential care apartment complex or adult family home located in the
18 municipality if the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners finds that
19 there are a significant number of the occupants of the complex or home who lack
20 adequate transportation to the appropriate polling place, a significant number of the
21 occupants of the complex or home may need assistance in voting, there are a
22 significant number of the occupants of the complex or home aged 60 or over, or there
23 are a significant number of indefinitely confined electors who are occupants of the
24 complex or home.

25 **SECTION 117.** 6.875 (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

1 6.875 (3) An occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or,
2 qualified community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment
3 complex, or qualified adult family home who qualifies as an absent elector and
4 desires to receive an absentee ballot shall make application under s. 6.86 (1), (2), or
5 (2m) with the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality
6 in which the elector is a resident. The clerk or board of election commissioners of a
7 municipality receiving an application from an elector who is an occupant of a nursing
8 home or qualified retirement home or, qualified community-based residential
9 facility, qualified residential care apartment complex, or qualified adult family home
10 located in a different municipality shall, as soon as possible, notify and transmit an
11 absentee ballot for the elector to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the
12 municipality in which the home or ~~qualified community-based residential~~ facility
13 or complex is located. The clerk or board of election commissioners of a municipality
14 receiving an application from an elector who is an occupant of a nursing home or
15 qualified retirement home or, qualified community-based residential facility,
16 qualified residential care apartment complex, or qualified adult family home located
17 in the municipality but who is a resident of a different municipality shall, as soon as
18 possible, notify and request transmission of an absentee ballot from the clerk or
19 board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the elector is a resident.
20 The clerk or board of election commissioners shall make a record of all absentee
21 ballots to be transmitted, delivered, and voted under this section.

22 (4) (a) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes ~~and~~, qualified
23 retirement homes ~~and~~, qualified community-based residential facilities, qualified
24 residential care apartment complexes, and qualified adult family homes, the
25 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one

1 or more nursing homes ~~or~~, qualified retirement homes ~~or~~, qualified
2 community-based residential facilities, qualified residential care apartment
3 complexes, or qualified adult family homes are located shall appoint at least 2 special
4 voting deputies for the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1), (2), or (2m)
5 by one or more qualified electors who are occupants of a ~~nursing home or qualified~~
6 ~~retirement home or qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or complex, the
7 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the
8 home ~~or~~, facility, or complex is located shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit
9 the home ~~or qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or complex for the
10 purpose of supervising absentee voting procedure by occupants of the home ~~or~~
11 ~~qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or complex. The clerk shall
12 maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each ~~nursing home or~~
13 ~~qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or
14 complex where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall include the
15 date and time the deputies intend to visit each home ~~or~~, facility, or complex. The 2
16 deputies designated to visit each nursing home ~~or~~, qualified retirement home ~~or~~,
17 qualified community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment
18 complex, and qualified adult family home shall be affiliated with different political
19 parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.

20 (b) Nominations for the special voting deputy positions described in par. (a)
21 may be submitted by the 2 recognized political parties whose candidates for governor
22 or president received the greatest numbers of votes in the municipality at the most
23 recent general election. The deputies shall be specially appointed to carry out the
24 duties under par. (a) for the period specified in s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk or board of
25 election commissioners may revoke an appointment at any time. No individual who

1 is employed or retained, or within the 2 years preceding appointment has been
2 employed or retained, at a nursing home ~~or~~, qualified retirement home ~~or~~, qualified
3 community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment complex,
4 or qualified adult family home in the municipality, or any member of the individual's
5 immediate family, as defined in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to serve as a deputy.

6 **SECTION 118.** 6.875 (6) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

7 6.875 (6) (a) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than
8 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times
9 with the administrator of each nursing home, qualified retirement home, ~~and~~
10 qualified community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment
11 complex, and qualified adult family home in the municipality from which one or more
12 occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the
13 election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and
14 no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. The municipal clerk shall
15 post a notice at the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex indicating the date and time that
16 absentee voting will take place at that home ~~or~~, facility, or complex. The notice shall
17 be posted as soon as practicable after arranging the visit but in no case less than 24
18 hours before the visit. At the designated time, 2 deputies appointed under sub. (4)
19 shall visit the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex.

20 (b) The municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election
21 commissioners shall issue a supply of absentee ballots to the deputies sufficient to
22 provide for the number of valid applications for an absentee ballot received by the
23 clerk, and a reasonable additional number of ballots. The deputies may exercise the
24 authority granted to the chief inspector under s. 7.41 to regulate the conduct of
25 observers. For purposes of the application of s. 7.41, the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex

1 shall be treated as a polling place. The municipal clerk or executive director shall
2 keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall require the
3 deputies to return every ballot issued to them.

4 **SECTION 119.** 6.875 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.875 (6) (c) 1. Upon their visit to the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex under par.
6 (a), the deputies shall personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application
7 for an absentee ballot the opportunity to cast his or her absentee ballot. In lieu of
8 providing a copy of proof of identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. with his or her
9 absentee ballot, the elector may submit with his or her ballot a statement signed by
10 both deputies that contains the name and address of the elector and verifies that the
11 name and address are correct. The deputies shall enclose the statement in the
12 certificate envelope. If an elector presents proof of identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b)
13 1., the deputies shall make a copy of the document presented by the elector and shall
14 enclose the copy in the certificate envelope. If an elector is present who has not filed
15 a proper application for an absentee ballot, the 2 deputies may accept an application
16 from the elector and shall issue a ballot to the elector if the elector is qualified, the
17 elector presents proof of identification, whenever required, or submits a statement
18 containing his or her name and address under this subdivision, and the application
19 is proper. The deputies shall each witness the certification and may, upon request
20 of the elector, assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. All voting shall be
21 conducted in the presence of the deputies. Upon request of the elector, a relative of
22 the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking the elector's
23 ballot. No individual other than a deputy may witness the certification and no
24 individual other than a deputy or relative of an elector may render voting assistance
25 to the elector.

1 **SECTION 120.** 6.875 (6) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.875 (6) (c) 2. Upon the request of a relative of an occupant of a nursing home
3 ~~or, qualified retirement home or, qualified community-based residential facility,~~
4 qualified residential care apartment complex, or qualified adult family home, the
5 administrator of the home ~~or, facility, or complex~~ may notify the relative of the time
6 or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the home
7 ~~or, facility, or complex~~ and permit the relative to be present in the room where the
8 voting is conducted.

9 **SECTION 121.** 6.875 (6) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.875 (6) (e) If a qualified elector is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate
11 visits by the deputies to the home ~~or, facility, or complex~~, the deputies shall so inform
12 the municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners, who
13 may then send the ballot to the elector no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding
14 the election.

15 **SECTION 122.** 6.875 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.875 (7) One observer from each of the 2 recognized political parties whose
17 candidate for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the
18 municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each
19 home ~~or, facility, or complex~~ where absentee voting will take place under this section.
20 The observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common
21 areas of the home ~~or, facility, or complex~~. Each party wishing to have an observer
22 present shall submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election
23 commissioners no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to
24 the visit.

25 **SECTION 123.** 6.88 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.88 (3) (a) Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed
2 under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day,
3 the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, in such a manner
4 that members of the public can hear and see the procedures, open the carrier
5 envelope only, and announce the name of the absent elector or the identification
6 serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s.
7 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been properly executed,
8 the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, and the applicant
9 has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the
10 applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then
11 open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the
12 certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it
13 or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95,
14 the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If
15 the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and no proof
16 of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the document that is provided is
17 not the same as the name and address shown on the poll list, or if the elector is not
18 a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as defined in s.
19 6.34 (1) (b), and the elector is required to provide a copy of proof of identification
20 under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. and no copy of the proof of identification is enclosed or the name
21 on the document cannot be verified by the inspectors, the inspectors shall proceed as
22 provided under s. 6.97 (2). The inspectors shall then deposit the ballot into the proper
23 ballot box and enter the absent elector's name or voting number after his or her name
24 on the poll list in the same manner as if the elector had been present and voted in
25 person.

1 **SECTION 124.** 6.92 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **6.92 (1)** Except as provided in sub. (2), each inspector shall challenge for cause
3 any person offering to vote whom the inspector knows or suspects is not a qualified
4 elector or who does not adhere to any voting requirement under this chapter. If a
5 person is challenged as unqualified by an inspector, one of the inspectors shall
6 administer the following oath or affirmation to the person: "You do solemnly swear
7 (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all questions put to you regarding your
8 place of residence and qualifications as an elector of this election"; and shall then ask
9 questions which are appropriate as determined by the board, by rule, to test the
10 person's qualifications.

11 **SECTION 125.** 6.94 of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **6.94 Challenged elector oath.** If the person challenged refuses to answer
13 fully any relevant questions put to him or her by the inspector under s. 6.92, the
14 inspectors shall reject the elector's vote. If the challenge is not withdrawn after the
15 person offering to vote has answered the questions, one of the inspectors shall
16 administer to the person the following oath or affirmation: "You do solemnly swear
17 (or affirm) that: you are 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United States; you
18 are now and for ~~10~~ 28 consecutive days have been a resident of this ward except under
19 s. 6.02 (2); you have not voted at this election; you have not made any bet or wager
20 or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the
21 result of this election; you are not on any other ground disqualified to vote at this
22 election". If the person challenged refuses to take the oath or affirmation, the
23 person's vote shall be rejected. If the person challenged answers fully all relevant
24 questions put to the elector by the inspector under s. 6.92, takes the oath or
25 affirmation, and fulfills the applicable registration requirements, and if the answers

1 to the questions given by the person indicate that the person meets the voting
2 qualification requirements, the person's vote shall be received.

3 **SECTION 126.** 6.965 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **6.965 Voting procedure for electors presenting citation or notice in**
5 **lieu of license or receipt.** Whenever any elector is allowed to vote at a polling place
6 under s. 6.79 (7) by presenting a citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend an
7 operator's license in lieu of an operator's license or driving receipt issued to the
8 elector under ch. 343, the inspectors shall, before giving the elector a ballot, write on
9 the back of the ballot the serial number of the elector corresponding to the number
10 kept at the election on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the
11 notation "s. 6.965." If voting machines are used in the municipality where the elector
12 is voting, the elector's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot furnished
13 by the municipal clerk which shall have the notation "s. 6.965" written on the back
14 of the ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. If the municipal
15 clerk receives an absentee ballot from an elector who presents a citation or notice,
16 or copy thereof, under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4., the clerk shall enter a notation on the
17 certificate envelope "Ballot under s. 6.965, stats." Upon receiving the envelope, the
18 inspectors shall open and write on the back of the ballot the serial number of the
19 elector corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other list
20 maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.965." The inspectors shall indicate
21 on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 the fact that the elector is voting
22 by using a citation or notice in lieu of a license or driving receipt. The inspectors shall
23 then deposit the ballot. The ballot shall then be counted under s. 5.85, or under s.
24 7.51 or 7.52.

25 **SECTION 127.** 6.97 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 **6.97 (title) Voting procedure for individuals not providing required**
2 **proof of residence or identification.**

3 **SECTION 128.** 6.97 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **6.97 (1)** Whenever any individual who is required to provide proof of residence
5 under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to vote appears to vote at a polling place and
6 cannot provide the required proof of residence, the inspectors shall offer the
7 opportunity for the individual to vote under this section. Whenever any individual,
8 other than a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as
9 defined in s. 6.34 (1) (b), or an elector who has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2),
10 appears to vote at a polling place and does not present proof of identification under
11 s. 6.79 (2), whenever required, the inspectors or the municipal clerk shall similarly
12 offer the opportunity for the individual to vote under this section. If the individual
13 wishes to vote, the inspectors shall provide the elector with an envelope marked
14 “Ballot under s. 6.97, stats.” on which the serial number of the elector is entered and
15 shall require the individual to execute on the envelope a written affirmation stating
16 that the individual is a qualified elector of the ward or election district where he or
17 she offers to vote and is eligible to vote in the election. The inspectors shall, before
18 giving the elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot the serial number of the
19 individual corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other
20 list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation “s. 6.97”. If voting machines are used
21 in the municipality where the individual is voting, the individual’s vote may be
22 received only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the municipal clerk which shall
23 have the corresponding number from the poll list or other list maintained under s.
24 6.79 and the notation “s. 6.97” written on the back of the ballot by the inspectors
25 before the ballot is given to the elector. When receiving the individual’s ballot, the

1 inspectors shall provide the individual with written voting information prescribed
2 by the board under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that
3 the individual is required to provide proof of residence or proof of identification under
4 s. 6.79 (2) but did not do so. The inspectors shall notify the individual that he or she
5 may provide proof of residence or proof of identification to the municipal clerk or
6 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners. The inspectors
7 shall also promptly notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the name,
8 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the
9 ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

10 **SECTION 129.** 6.97 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.97 (2) Whenever any individual who votes by absentee ballot is required to
12 provide proof of residence in order to be permitted to vote and does not provide the
13 required proof of residence under s. 6.34, the inspectors shall treat the ballot as a
14 provisional ballot under this section. Whenever any individual, other than a military
15 elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (b),
16 an individual who has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2), or an individual who
17 is exempted under s. 6.87 (4) or s. 6.875 (6), votes by absentee ballot and does not
18 enclose a copy of the proof of identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1., the inspectors shall
19 similarly treat the ballot as a provisional ballot under this section. Upon removing
20 the ballot from the envelope, the inspectors shall write on the back of the absentee
21 ballot the serial number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the
22 election on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s.
23 6.97". The inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required
24 to provide proof of residence or to provide, or provide a copy of, proof of identification
25 as required under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. but did not do so. The inspectors shall promptly

1 notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the municipal board of election
2 commissioners of the name, address, and serial number of the individual. The
3 inspectors shall then place the ballot inside an envelope on which the name and
4 serial number of the elector is entered and shall place the envelope in a separate
5 carrier envelope.

6 **SECTION 130.** 6.97 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.97 (3) (b) and amended
7 to read:

8 6.97 (3) (b) Whenever the municipal clerk or executive director of the municipal
9 board of election commissioners is informed by the inspectors that a ballot has been
10 cast under this section, the clerk or executive director shall promptly provide written
11 notice to the board of canvassers of each municipality, special purpose district, and
12 county that is responsible for canvassing the election of the number of ballots cast
13 under this section in each ward or election district. The municipal clerk or executive
14 director then shall determine whether each individual voting under this section is
15 qualified to vote in the ward or election district where the individual's ballot is cast.
16 If the elector is required to provide proof of identification or a copy thereof under s.
17 6.79 (2), 6.86 (1) (ar), or 6.87 (4) (b) 1. and fails to do so, the elector bears the burden
18 of correcting the omission by providing the proof of identification or copy thereof at
19 the polling place before the closing hour or at the office of the municipal clerk or board
20 of election commissioners no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday after the election. The
21 municipal clerk or executive director shall make a record of the procedure used to
22 determine the validity of each ballot cast under this section. If, prior to 4 p.m. on the
23 day after the election, the municipal clerk or executive director determines that the
24 individual is qualified to vote in the ward or election district where the individual's
25 ballot is cast, the municipal clerk or executive director shall notify the board of

1 canvassers for each municipality, special purpose district and county that is
2 responsible for canvassing the election of that fact.

3 **SECTION 131.** 6.97 (3) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.97 (3) (a) Whenever an elector who votes by provisional ballot under sub. (1)
5 or (2) because the elector does not provide proof of identification or a copy thereof
6 under s. 6.79 (2), 6.86 (1) (ar), or 6.87 (4) (b) 1. later appears at the polling place where
7 the ballot is cast before the closing hour and provides the proof of identification or
8 a copy thereof, the inspectors shall remove the elector's ballot from the separate
9 carrier envelope, shall note on the poll list that the elector's provisional ballot is
10 withdrawn, and shall deposit the elector's ballot in the ballot box. If the inspectors
11 have notified the municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election
12 commissioners that the elector's ballot was cast under this section, the inspectors
13 shall notify the clerk or executive director that the elector's provisional ballot is
14 withdrawn.

15 **SECTION 132.** 6.97 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

16 6.97 (3) (c) A ballot cast under this section by an elector for whom proof of
17 identification or a copy thereof is required under s. 6.79 (2), 6.86 (1) (ar), or 6.87 (4)
18 (b) 1. shall not be counted unless the municipal clerk or executive director of the
19 board of election commissioners provides timely notification that the elector has
20 provided proof of identification or a copy thereof under this section.

21 **SECTION 133.** 7.08 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 7.08 (2) (b) The certified list of candidates for president and vice president
23 nominated at a national convention by a party entitled to a September partisan
24 primary ballot or for whom electors have been nominated under s. 8.20 shall be sent

1 as soon as possible after the closing date for filing nomination papers, but no later
2 than the deadlines established in s. 10.06.

3 **SECTION 134.** 7.08 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.08 (2) (c) As soon as possible after the canvass of the spring and ~~September~~
5 partisan primary votes, but no later than the first Tuesday in March and the 4th
6 Tuesday in ~~September~~ August, transmit to the state treasurer a certified list of all
7 eligible candidates for state office who have filed applications under s. 11.50 (2) and
8 whom the board determines to be eligible to receive payments from the Wisconsin
9 election campaign fund. The list shall contain each candidate's name, the mailing
10 address indicated upon the candidate's registration form, the office for which the
11 individual is a candidate and the party or principle which he or she represents, if any.

12 **SECTION 135.** 7.08 (8) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 7.08 (8) (title) ELECTORS VOTING WITHOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCE OR IDENTIFICATION
14 OR PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER.

15 **SECTION 136.** 7.08 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

16 **SECTION 137.** 7.08 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

17 7.08 (12) ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION. Engage in outreach
18 to identify and contact groups of electors who may need assistance in obtaining or
19 renewing a document that constitutes proof of identification for voting under s. 6.79
20 (2) (a), 6.86 (1) (ar), or 6.87 (4) (b) 1., and provide assistance to the electors in
21 obtaining or renewing that document.

22 **SECTION 138.** 7.10 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.10 (3) (a) The county clerk shall distribute the ballots to the municipal clerks
24 no later than 31 days before each ~~September~~ partisan primary and general election
25 and no later than 22 days before each other primary and election. Election forms

1 prepared by the board shall be distributed at the same time. If the board transmits
2 an amended certification under s. 7.08 (2) (a) or if the board or a court orders a ballot
3 error to be corrected under s. 5.06 (6) or 5.72 (3) after ballots have been distributed,
4 the county clerk shall distribute corrected ballots to the municipal clerks as soon as
5 possible.

6 **SECTION 139.** 7.15 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 7.15 (1) (cm) Prepare official absentee ballots for delivery to electors requesting
8 them, and send or transmit an official absentee ballot to each elector who has
9 requested ~~one~~ a ballot by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission no later
10 than the 30th day before each ~~September~~ partisan primary and general election and
11 no later than the 21st day before each other primary and election if the request is
12 made before that day; otherwise, the municipal clerk shall send or transmit an
13 official absentee ballot within one day of the time the elector's request for such a
14 ballot is received.

15 **SECTION 140.** 7.15 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 7.15 (1) (j) Send or transmit an absentee ballot automatically to each person
17 making an authorized request therefor in accordance with s. 6.22 (4), 6.24 (4) (c), or
18 6.86 (2) or (2m).

19 **SECTION 141.** 7.15 (1) (L) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 142.** 7.23 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 7.23 (1) (e) Poll lists created ~~at a nonpartisan primary or for any~~ election may
22 be destroyed ~~2 years~~ 22 months after the ~~primary or~~ election at which they were
23 created ~~and poll lists created at a partisan primary or election may be destroyed 4~~
24 ~~years after the primary or election at which they were created.~~

25 **SECTION 143.** 7.50 (2) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 144.** 7.52 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 7.52 (3) (a) The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall first open the carrier
3 envelope only, and, in such a manner that a member of the public, if he or she desired,
4 could hear, announce the name of the absent elector or the identification serial
5 number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2).
6 When the board of absentee ballot canvassers finds that the certification has been
7 properly executed and the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election
8 district, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall enter an indication on the poll
9 list next to the applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector.
10 The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall then open the envelope containing the
11 ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the certification thereon. The board
12 of absentee ballot canvassers shall take out the ballot without unfolding it or
13 permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95, the
14 board of absentee ballot canvassers shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by
15 the issuing clerk. If the poll list indicates that proof of residence is required and no
16 proof of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the document that is provided
17 is not the same as the name and address shown on the poll list, or if the elector is not
18 a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as defined in s.
19 6.34 (1) (b), and the elector is required to provide, or to provide a copy of, proof of
20 identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. and no copy of the proof of identification is
21 enclosed or the name on the document cannot be verified by the canvassers, the board
22 of absentee ballot canvassers shall proceed as provided under s. 6.97 (2). The board
23 of absentee ballot canvassers shall mark the poll list number of each elector who
24 casts an absentee ballot on the back of the elector's ballot. The board of absentee

1 ballot canvassers shall then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and enter
2 the absent elector's name or poll list number after his or her name on the poll list.

3 **SECTION 145.** 7.52 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.52 (6) (b) Any elector may challenge for cause any absentee ballot. For the
5 purpose of deciding upon ballots that are challenged for any reason, the board of
6 absentee ballot canvassers may call before it any person whose absentee ballot is
7 challenged if the person is available to be called. If the person challenged refuses to
8 answer fully any relevant questions put to him or her by the board of absentee ballot
9 canvassers under s. 6.92, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall reject the
10 person's vote. If the challenge is not withdrawn after the person offering to vote has
11 answered the questions, one of the members of the board of absentee ballot
12 canvassers shall administer to the person the following oath or affirmation: "You do
13 solemnly swear (or affirm) that: you are 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United
14 States; you are now and for ~~10~~ 28 consecutive days have been a resident of this ward
15 except under s. 6.02 (2), stats.; you have not voted at this election; you have not made
16 any bet or wager or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager
17 depending upon the result of this election; you are not on any other ground
18 disqualified to vote at this election." If the person challenged refuses to take the oath
19 or affirmation, the person's vote shall be rejected. If the person challenged answers
20 fully all relevant questions put to the elector by the board of absentee ballot
21 canvassers under s. 6.92, takes the oath or affirmation, and fulfills the applicable
22 registration requirements, and if the answers to the questions given by the person
23 indicate that the person meets the voting qualification requirements, the person's
24 vote shall be received.

25 **SECTION 146.** 7.60 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 7.60 (5) (a) Immediately following the canvass, the county clerk shall deliver
2 or send to the government accountability board, by 1st class mail, a certified copy of
3 each statement of the county board of canvassers for president and vice president,
4 state officials, senators and representatives in congress, state legislators, justice,
5 court of appeals judge, circuit judge, district attorney, and metropolitan sewerage
6 commissioners, if the commissioners are elected under s. 200.09 (11) (am). The
7 statement shall record the returns for each office or referendum by ward, unless
8 combined returns are authorized under s. 5.15 (6) (b) in which case the statement
9 shall record the returns for each group of combined wards. Following primaries the
10 county clerk shall enclose on forms prescribed by the government accountability
11 board the names, party or principle designation, if any, and number of votes received
12 by each candidate recorded in the same manner. The county clerk shall deliver or
13 transmit the certified statement to the government accountability board no later
14 than 7 days after each primary except the ~~September~~ partisan primary, no later than
15 10 days after the ~~September~~ partisan primary and any other election except the
16 general election, and no later than 14 days after the general election. The board of
17 canvassers shall deliver or transmit a certified copy of each statement for any
18 technical college district referendum to the secretary of the technical college district
19 board.

20 **SECTION 147.** 7.70 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 7.70 (3) (a) The chairperson of the board or a designee of the chairperson
22 appointed by the chairperson to canvass a specific election shall publicly canvass the
23 returns and make his or her certifications and determinations on or before the 2nd
24 Tuesday following a spring primary, the 15th day of May following a spring election,
25 the 3rd Wednesday following a ~~September~~ partisan primary, the first day of

1 December following a general election, the 2nd Thursday following a special primary,
2 or within 18 days after any special election.

3 **SECTION 148.** 7.70 (3) (e) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.70 (3) (e) 1. After each ~~September~~ partisan primary, the name of each
5 candidate not defeated in the primary who receives at least 6% of the total vote cast
6 for all candidates on all ballots at the primary for each separate state office except
7 district attorney, and the percentage of the total vote received by that candidate.
8 Such percentage shall be calculated within each district in the case of legislative
9 candidates.

10 **SECTION 149.** 8.10 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 8.10 (1) Candidates for office to be filled at the spring election shall be
12 nominated by nomination papers, or by nomination papers and selection at the
13 primary if a primary is held, except as provided for towns and villages under s. 8.05.
14 Unless designated in this section or s. 8.05, the general provisions pertaining to
15 nomination at the ~~September~~ partisan primary apply.

16 **SECTION 150.** 8.15 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **8.15 (title) Nominations for ~~September~~ partisan primary.**

18 **SECTION 151.** 8.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 8.15 (1) Nomination papers may be circulated no sooner than ~~June~~ May 1
20 preceding the general election and may be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd
21 Tuesday of ~~July~~ June preceding the ~~September~~ partisan primary, except as
22 authorized in this subsection. If an incumbent fails to file nomination papers and
23 a declaration of candidacy by 5 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of ~~July~~ June preceding the
24 ~~September~~ partisan primary, all candidates for the office held by the incumbent,
25 other than the incumbent, may file nomination papers no later than 72 hours after

1 the latest time prescribed in this subsection. No extension of the time for filing
2 nomination papers applies if the incumbent files written notification with the filing
3 officer or agency with whom nomination papers are filed for the office which the
4 incumbent holds, no later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the latest time
5 prescribed in this subsection for filing nomination papers, that the incumbent is not
6 a candidate for reelection to his or her office, and the incumbent does not file
7 nomination papers for that office within the time prescribed in this subsection. Only
8 those candidates for whom nomination papers containing the necessary signatures
9 acquired within the allotted time and filed before the deadline may have their names
10 appear on the official ~~September~~ partisan primary ballot.

11 **SECTION 152.** 8.16 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 8.16 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), the person who receives the greatest
13 number of votes for an office on a party ballot at any partisan primary, regardless of
14 whether the person's name appears on the ballot, shall be the party's candidate for
15 the office, and the person's name shall so appear on the official ballot at the next
16 election. All independent candidates shall appear on the general election ballot
17 regardless of the number of votes received by such candidates at the ~~September~~
18 partisan primary.

19 **SECTION 153.** 8.16 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 8.16 (7) Nominees chosen at a national convention and under s. 8.18 (2) by each
21 party entitled to a ~~September~~ partisan primary ballot shall be the party's candidates
22 for president, vice president and presidential electors. The state or national
23 chairperson of each such party shall certify the names of the party's nominees for
24 president and vice president to the board no later than 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday

1 in September preceding a presidential election. Each name shall be in one of the
2 formats authorized in s. 7.08 (2) (a).

3 **SECTION 154.** 8.17 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 8.17 (1) (b) Each political party shall elect one committeeman or
5 committeewoman from each election district. In this section, each village, each town
6 and each city is an “election district”; except that in cities having a population of more
7 than 7,500 which are divided into aldermanic districts, each aldermanic district is
8 an “election district”; and in cities having a population of more than 7,500 which are
9 not divided into aldermanic districts and villages or towns having a population of
10 more than 7,500, each ward or group of combined wards under s. 5.15 (6) (b)
11 constituting a polling place on ~~June~~ May 1 of the year in which committeemen or
12 committeewomen are elected is an “election district”. To be eligible to serve as its
13 committeeman or committeewoman, an individual shall be, at the time of filing
14 nomination papers or at the time of appointment under this section, a resident of the
15 election district which he or she is chosen to represent and shall be at least 18 years
16 of age.

17 **SECTION 155.** 8.17 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 8.17 (4) The term of office of each committeeman or committeewoman shall end
19 on the date of the meeting held under sub. (5) (b) following each September partisan
20 primary.

21 **SECTION 156.** 8.17 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 8.17 (5) (b) A combined meeting of the county committee and members in good
23 standing of the party in the county shall be held no sooner than 15 days after the
24 September partisan primary and no later than April 1 of the following year. At this
25 meeting, the party committeemen or committeewomen and the county committee

1 offices of chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer shall be filled by
2 election by the incumbent committeemen, committeewomen and other party
3 members present and voting, each of whom is entitled to one vote. At this meeting,
4 the county committee shall elect the members of the congressional district committee
5 as provided in sub. (6) (b), (c) and (d). The secretary of the county committee shall
6 give at least 7 days' written notice of the meeting to party and committee members.
7 Individuals elected as county committee officers or as congressional district
8 committee members may be, but are not required to be, committeemen or
9 committeewomen. They are required to be party members in good standing. The
10 terms of committeemen and committeewomen, county committee officers and
11 congressional district committee members begin during the meeting immediately
12 upon completion and verification of the voting for each office.

13 **SECTION 157.** 8.19 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 8.19 (3) Every political party entitled, under s. 5.62, to have its candidates on
15 the ~~September~~ partisan primary and general election ballots has exclusive right to
16 the use of the name designating it at any election involving political parties. The
17 board shall not certify nor the county clerk print the name of any person whose
18 nomination papers indicate a party name comprising a combination of existing party
19 names, qualifying words, phrases, prefixes or suffixes in connection with any
20 existing party name.

21 **SECTION 158.** 8.20 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 8.20 (8) (a) Nomination papers for independent candidates for any office to be
23 voted upon at a general election or ~~September~~ partisan primary and general election,
24 except president, vice president and presidential elector, may be circulated no sooner
25 than ~~June~~ May 1 preceding the election and may be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the

1 2nd Tuesday of ~~July~~ June preceding the ~~September~~ partisan primary, except as
2 authorized in this paragraph. If an incumbent fails to file nomination papers and
3 a declaration of candidacy by 5 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of ~~July~~ June preceding the
4 ~~September~~ partisan primary, all candidates for the office held by the incumbent,
5 other than the incumbent, may file nomination papers no later than 72 hours after
6 the latest time prescribed in this paragraph. No extension of the time for filing
7 nomination papers applies if the incumbent files written notification with the filing
8 officer or agency with whom nomination papers are filed for the office which the
9 incumbent holds, no later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the latest time
10 prescribed in this paragraph for filing nomination papers, that the incumbent is not
11 a candidate for reelection to his or her office, and the incumbent does not file
12 nomination papers for that office within the time prescribed in this paragraph.

13 **SECTION 159.** 8.20 (8) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 8.20 (8) (am) Nomination papers for independent candidates for president and
15 vice president, and the presidential electors designated to represent them, may be
16 circulated no sooner than ~~August~~ July 1 and may be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the
17 first Tuesday in ~~September~~ August preceding a presidential election.

18 **SECTION 160.** 8.20 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 8.20 (9) Persons nominated by nomination papers without a recognized
20 political party designation shall be placed on the official ballot at the general election
21 and at any partisan election to the right or below the recognized political party
22 candidates in their own column or row designated "Independent". At the ~~September~~
23 partisan primary, persons nominated for state office by nomination papers without
24 a recognized political party designation shall be placed on a separate ballot or, if a
25 consolidated paper ballot under s. 5.655 (2), an electronic voting system or voting