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AN ACT *to amend* 5.056, 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.28 (1), 6.30 (1), 6.32, 6.33 (1), 6.33 (2) (a), 6.34 (2), 6.35 (1) (intro.), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 1., 6.40 (1) (c), 6.50 (10), 6.55 (2) (d), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 7.08 (1) (c), 85.61 (1) and 343.027; *to repeal and recreate* 343.027; and *to create* 6.30 (5), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (4) and 6.35 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** electronic voter registration, verification of certain registrations, and proof of residence for voting in an election and granting rule–making authority.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, a qualified elector may register to vote at any election by mail, in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality or county where the elector resides, or by completing a registration form with a special registration deputy no later than the 20th day before the election. A qualified elector may also register to vote at an election in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality where the elector resides no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. In order to register, an elector must provide his or her name and address and certain other information required to ascertain his or her eligibility and must sign the form. With certain exceptions, an elector who registers after the 20th day before an election or an elector who registers by mail and who has

not voted before in an election in this state must provide proof of residence prior to voting. Currently, the clerk or board of election commissioners must verify each registration received by mail or submitted by a special registration deputy by sending a first–class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

This bill permits a qualified elector who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by the Government Accountability Board (GAB). The bill requires an electronic registration to be completed no later than the 20th day before an election in order to be valid for that election. Under the bill, a qualified elector enters the same information that appears on the current registration form and authorizes DOT to forward a copy of his or her electronic signature to GAB. The authorization affirms that all information provided by the elector is correct and has the same effect as if the elector signed the form personally. The bill also permits an elector who is currently registered to vote and who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card to electronically enter a change of name or address using a similar procedure. ~~Under the bill,~~ an electronic registration is ~~treated the same as a mail registration~~ GAB or the clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of residence must verify ~~the~~ registration by sending a first–class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address ~~and~~. If the registrant is voting for the first time in an election in this state, the registrant must provide proof of residence before voting in the election. ~~However,~~ The bill ~~also~~ provides that, if an elector who registers electronically provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB is able to verify the information electronically at the time of registration by electronically accessing DOT's records, the elector need not provide proof of residence prior to voting. The bill directs GAB and DOT to enter into an agreement that permits GAB to verify the necessary information instantly by accessing DOT's electronic files.

Currently, each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners must maintain a file of voter registration forms for the electors of the municipality. This bill provides that the clerk or board must maintain registrations that are entered electronically in the manner prescribed by GAB, by rule.

The changes first apply with respect to registration for voting at the first spring or partisan primary election that follows the day on which the bill becomes law by at least six months.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

1 **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The
2 administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement
3 with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally
4 identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board
5 under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally
6 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation.

7 **SECTION 2.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.24 **(3)** REGISTRATION. The overseas elector shall register in the municipality
9 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector's parent was last
10 domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector's
11 qualifications under this section. The form shall be substantially similar to the
12 original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable. Registration shall be
13 accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

14 **SECTION 3.** 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.275 **(1)** (b) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that
16 county who were preregistered on the deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1), including valid
17 mail registrations which are postmarked by that day and valid electronic
18 registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5).

19 **SECTION 4.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.28 **(1)** REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,
21 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.
22 on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s.
23 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later
24 than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic registration for an
25 election under s. 6.30 (5) shall close at midnight on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the

1 election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made
2 throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the
3 office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations
4 provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over
5 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,
6 village or town board in all other municipalities. Other registration locations may
7 include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions
8 of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,
9 savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall
10 be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the
11 board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An
12 elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at
13 the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

14 **SECTION 5.** 6.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.30 **(1)** IN PERSON. An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as
16 provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

17 **SECTION 6.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

18 6.30 **(5)** BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION. Any eligible elector who holds a current
19 and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification
20 card issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by
21 the board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that
22 enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically.
23 The form shall contain an authorization for the board to obtain from the department
24 of transportation an electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature
25 shall constitute an affirmance that all information provided by the elector is correct

and shall have the same effect as if the applicant had signed the application personally. Upon submittal of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from the department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the applicant and shall integrate the signature into the applicant's electronic application. The board shall maintain the electronically integrated application on file together with nonelectronic applications and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the applicant resides of its receipt of each completed application. The board shall also permit any elector who has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes in his or her registration authorized under s. 6.40 (1) at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered on an application for original registration.

**SECTION 7.** 6.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

**6.32 Verification of certain registrations.** **(1)** Upon receipt of a registration form that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) <u>or by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)</u> or that is submitted by a special registration deputy appointed under s. 6.26, the <u>board or</u> municipal clerk shall examine the form for sufficiency.

**(2)** If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the <u>board or</u> clerk knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the <u>board or</u> clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that the elector appear at the clerk's office or ~~other~~ <u>another</u> registration ~~center~~ <u>location</u> to complete a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.

1 **(3)** If the form is submitted later than the close of registration, the board or
2 clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or she may register
3 at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or other location
4 designated under s. 6.55 (2).

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

16 **SECTION 8.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.33 **(1)** The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration
18 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information
19 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as provided in this
20 subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as nonelectronic
21 forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter registration
22 needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from each applicant information as to
23 name; date; residence location; location of previous residence immediately before
24 moving to current residence location; citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of
25 a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last

4 digits of the elector's social security account number; whether the applicant has resided within the ward or election district for ~~at least 28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the applicant is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant is currently registered to vote at any other location. ~~The~~ Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5), the form shall include a space for the applicant's signature. Below the space for the signature, the form shall state "Falsification of information on this form is punishable under Wisconsin law as a Class I felony.". The form shall include a space to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name, affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form. The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The form shall also include a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by mail or by electronic application, a space where the clerk may record an indication of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number appearing on the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration

1 forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the
2 county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

3 **SECTION 9.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.33 **(2)** (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward
5 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the
6 indication of whether the registration is received by mail or by electronic application,
7 the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under
8 s. 6.34 or the indication of verification of information in lieu of proof of residence
9 under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and any information relating to an applicant's
10 voting identification card shall be recorded by the clerk. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in
11 s. 6.30 (5), each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is
12 unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant
13 may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant
14 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the
15 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is
16 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

17 **SECTION 10.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.34 **(2)** Upon completion of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33, each
19 eligible elector who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector
20 or an overseas elector, and who registers after the close of registration under s. 6.29
21 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., shall provide an identifying document that establishes proof of
22 residence under sub. (3). ~~Each~~ Except as authorized in sub. (2m), each eligible elector
23 who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas
24 elector, who registers by mail or by electronic application, and who has not voted in
25 an election in this state shall, if voting in person, provide an identifying document

that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3) or, if voting by absentee ballot, provide a copy of an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). If the elector registered by mail or by electronic application, the identifying document may not be a residential lease.

**SECTION 11.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

6.34 **(2m)** An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5) is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board is able to verify the information using the system maintained under sub. (4).

**SECTION 12.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

6.34 **(4)** The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an instant basis, information submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m), using the information maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to the board's agreement with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1).

**SECTION 13.** 6.35 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.35 **(1)** (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following ways, except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (1m) and (2):

**SECTION 14.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

6.35 **(2)** The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

**SECTION 15.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.36 **(2)** (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted to vote. ~~Proof~~ Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registers by mail or by electronic application and has not previously voted in an election in this state.

**SECTION 16.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.40 **(1)** (a) 1. Any registered elector may transfer registration after a change of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides or by mailing to the municipal clerk a signed request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be his or her residence for ~~28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1) prior to the election, and providing the address where he or she was last registered. Alternatively, the elector may transfer his or her registration at the proper polling place or other registration location under s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued to the elector under s. 343.50, the elector may transfer his or her registration electronically under s. 6.30 (5). If an elector is voting in the ward or election district where the elector formerly resided, the change shall be effective for the next election.

**SECTION 17.** 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.40 **(1)** (c) *Name change.* Whenever an elector's name is legally changed, including a change by marriage or divorce, the elector shall transfer his or her registration to his or her legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name.

1 Alternatively, a registered elector may make notification of a name change at his or
2 her polling place under s. 6.55 (2) (d), or, if the elector has a current and valid
3 operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid
4 identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector may make notification of a
5 name change electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

6 **SECTION 18.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.50 **(10)** Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to
8 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29
9 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to
10 the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s.
11 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

12 **SECTION 19.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.55 **(2)** (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides
14 at the same address, and has not ~~notified the municipal clerk~~ previously provided
15 notice of the change under s. 6.40 (1) (c), shall notify the inspector of the change
16 before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when
17 materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and
18 address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location
19 under pars. (a) and (b).

20 **SECTION 20.** 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

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

**SECTION 21.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 **(4)** (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document

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

**SECTION 22.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.08 **(1)** (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the board.

**SECTION 23.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 85.61 **(1)** The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections
2 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to
3 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained
4 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information
5 specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information in the operating
6 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to
7 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator
8 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy
9 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

10 **SECTION 24.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
12 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except
13 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
14 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
15 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the
16 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), or to the person to whom the signature relates.

17 **SECTION 25.** 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 and
18 2013 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

19 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
20 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except
21 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
22 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
23 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the
24 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a

court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney, law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

**SECTION 26. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) No later than the 20th day following the end of each calendar quarter, the government accountability board and the department of transportation shall each report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes concerning its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration system. The board and department shall continue to file reports under this subsection until the board determines that implementation is complete and the performance of the system is satisfactory.

**SECTION 27. Fiscal changes.**

(1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by $–0– for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by $–0– for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the provisions of this act.

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3 the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to
4 implement the provisions of this act.

5 **SECTION 28. Initial applicability.**

6 (1) This act first applies with respect to registration for voting at the first spring
7 or partisan primary election that follows the effective date of this subsection by at
8 least 6 months.

9 **SECTION 29. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
10 except as follows:

11 (1) The repeal and recreation of section 343.027 of the statutes takes effect on
12 the day after publication, or on the date on which the creation of section 343.165 of
13 the statutes by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 takes effect, whichever is later.

14 **(END)**

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Currently, a qualified elector may register to vote at any election by mail, in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality or county where the elector resides, or by completing a registration form with a special registration deputy no later than the 20th day before the election. A qualified elector may also register to vote at an election in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality where the elector resides no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. In order to register, an elector must provide his or her name and address and certain other information required to ascertain his or her eligibility and must sign the form. With certain exceptions, an elector who registers after the 20th day before an election or an elector who registers by mail and who has

not voted before in an election in this state must provide proof of residence prior to voting. Currently, the clerk or board of election commissioners must verify each registration received by mail or submitted by a special registration deputy by sending a first–class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

This bill permits a qualified elector who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by the Government Accountability Board (GAB). The bill requires an electronic registration to be completed no later than the 20th day before an election in order to be valid for that election. Under the bill, a qualified elector enters the same information that appears on the current registration form and authorizes DOT to forward a copy of his or her electronic signature to GAB. The authorization affirms that all information provided by the elector is correct and has the same effect as if the elector signed the form personally. The bill also permits an elector who is currently registered to vote and who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card to electronically enter a change of name or address using a similar procedure. In accordance with the existing procedure for verifying registrations that are not received at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the bill provides that when an electronic registration is received, GAB or the clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of residence must verify each electronic registration by sending a first–class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address. Except as otherwise permitted under the bill, if the registrant is voting for the first time in an election in this state, the registrant must provide proof of residence before voting in the election. The bill creates one exception which provides that, if an elector who registers electronically provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB is able to verify the information electronically at the time of registration by electronically accessing DOT's records, the elector need not provide proof of residence prior to voting. The bill directs GAB and DOT to enter into an agreement that permits GAB to verify the necessary information instantly by accessing DOT's electronic files.

Currently, each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners must maintain a file of voter registration forms for the electors of the municipality. This bill provides that the clerk or board must maintain registrations that are entered electronically in the manner prescribed by GAB, by rule.

The changes first apply with respect to registration for voting at the first spring or partisan primary election that follows the day on which the bill becomes law by at least six months.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The
3 administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement
4 with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally
5 identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board
6 under s. 6.36 (1) <u>and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m)</u> with personally
7 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation.

8 **SECTION 2.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.24 **(3)** REGISTRATION. The overseas elector shall register in the municipality
10 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector's parent was last
11 domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector's
12 qualifications under this section. The form shall be substantially similar to the
13 original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable. Registration shall be
14 accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) <u>or (5)</u>.

15 **SECTION 3.** 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.275 **(1)** (b) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that
17 county who were preregistered on the deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1), including valid
18 mail registrations which are postmarked by that day <u>and valid electronic</u>
19 <u>registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5)</u>.

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

21 6.28 **(1)** REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,
22 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.
23 on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s.
24 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later
25 than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. <u>Electronic registration for an</u>

1 election under s. 6.30 (5) shall close at midnight on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the
2 election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made
3 throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the
4 office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations
5 provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over
6 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,
7 village or town board in all other municipalities. Other registration locations may
8 include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions
9 of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,
10 savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall
11 be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the
12 board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An
13 elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at
14 the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

15 **SECTION 5.** 6.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.30 **(1)** IN PERSON. An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as
17 provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

18 **SECTION 6.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

19 6.30 **(5)** BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION. Any eligible elector who holds a current
20 and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification
21 card issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by
22 the board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that
23 enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically.
24 The form shall contain an authorization for the board to obtain from the department
25 of transportation an electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature

1 shall constitute an affirmance that all information provided by the elector is correct
2 and shall have the same effect as if the applicant had signed the application
3 personally. Upon submittal of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from
4 the department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the applicant
5 and shall integrate the signature into the applicant's electronic application. The
6 board shall maintain the electronically integrated application on file together with
7 nonelectronic applications and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of election
8 commissioners of the municipality where the applicant resides of its receipt of each
9 completed application. The board shall also permit any elector who has a current and
10 valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid
11 identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes in his or her registration
12 authorized under s. 6.40 (1) at the same Internet site that is used by electors for
13 original registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness
14 of any changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information
15 entered on an application for original registration.

16 **SECTION 7.** 6.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **6.32 Verification of certain registrations. (1)** Upon receipt of a
18 registration form that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) <u>or by electronic</u>
19 <u>application under s. 6.30 (5)</u> or that is submitted by a special registration deputy
20 appointed under s. 6.26, the <u>board or</u> municipal clerk shall examine the form for
21 sufficiency.

22 **(2)** If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the <u>board or</u> clerk
23 knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the <u>board</u>
24 <u>or</u> clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that

1 the elector appear at the clerk's office or ~~other~~ another registration ~~center~~ location
2 to complete a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.
3 **(3)** If the form is submitted later than the close of registration, the board or
4 clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or she may register
5 at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or other location
6 designated under s. 6.55 (2).
7 **(4)** If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the board or clerk has
8 no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the
9 board or clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a
10 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward ~~or~~ and
11 aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall be
12 sent within 10 days of receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or if
13 the board or clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified by the
14 elector, the board or clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from
15 eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal
16 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the board or clerk if the elector does
17 not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.
18 **SECTION 8.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
19 6.33 **(1)** The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration
20 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information
21 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as provided in this
22 subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as nonelectronic
23 forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter registration
24 needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from each applicant information as to
25 name; date; residence location; location of previous residence immediately before

moving to current residence location; citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number; whether the applicant has resided within the ward or election district for ~~at least 28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the applicant is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant is currently registered to vote at any other location. ~~The~~ Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5), the form shall include a space for the applicant's signature. Below the space for the signature, the form shall state "Falsification of information on this form is punishable under Wisconsin law as a Class I felony.". The form shall include a space to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name, affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form. The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The form shall also include a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by mail or by electronic application, a space where the clerk may record an indication of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card issued to the

1 person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number appearing on
2 the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration
3 forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the
4 county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

5 **SECTION 9.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.33 **(2)** (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward
7 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the
8 indication of whether the registration is received by mail or by electronic application,
9 the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under
10 s. 6.34 or the indication of verification of information in lieu of proof of residence
11 under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and any information relating to an applicant's
12 voting identification card shall be recorded by the clerk. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in
13 s. 6.30 (5), each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is
14 unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant
15 may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant
16 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the
17 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is
18 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

19 **SECTION 10.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.34 **(2)** Upon completion of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33, each
21 eligible elector who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector
22 or an overseas elector, and who registers after the close of registration under s. 6.29
23 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., shall provide an identifying document that establishes proof of
24 residence under sub. (3). ~~Each~~ Except as authorized in sub. (2m), each eligible elector
25 who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas

elector, who registers by mail or by electronic application, and who has not voted in an election in this state shall, if voting in person, provide an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3) or, if voting by absentee ballot, provide a copy of an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). If the elector registered by mail or by electronic application, the identifying document may not be a residential lease.

**SECTION 11.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

6.34 **(2m)** An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5) is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board is able to verify the information using the system maintained under sub. (4).

**SECTION 12.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

6.34 **(4)** The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an instant basis, information submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m), using the information maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to the board's agreement with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1).

**SECTION 13.** 6.35 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.35 **(1)** (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following ways, except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (1m) and (2):

**SECTION 14.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

6.35 **(2)** The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

1 **SECTION 15.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.36 **(2)** (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication
3 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted
4 to vote. ~~Proof~~ Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if
5 the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registers by
6 mail or by electronic application and has not previously voted in an election in this
7 state.

8 **SECTION 16.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.40 **(1)** (a) 1. Any registered elector may transfer registration after a change
10 of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk of the
11 municipality where the elector resides or by mailing to the municipal clerk a signed
12 request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be his or her
13 residence for ~~28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1) prior to the
14 election, and providing the address where he or she was last registered.
15 Alternatively, the elector may transfer his or her registration at the proper polling
16 place or other registration location under s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a),
17 or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under
18 ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued to the elector under s. 343.50,
19 the elector may transfer his or her registration electronically under s. 6.30 (5). If an
20 elector is voting in the ward or election district where the elector formerly resided,
21 the change shall be effective for the next election.

22 **SECTION 17.** 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.40 **(1)** (c) *Name change.* Whenever an elector's name is legally changed,
24 including a change by marriage or divorce, the elector shall transfer his or her
25 registration to his or her legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the

municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name. Alternatively, a registered elector may make notification of a name change at his or her polling place under s. 6.55 (2) (d), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector may make notification of a name change electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

**SECTION 18.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.50 **(10)** Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

**SECTION 19.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.55 **(2)** (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides at the same address, and has not ~~notified the municipal clerk~~ previously provided notice of the change under s. 6.40 (1) (c), shall notify the inspector of the change before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location under pars. (a) and (b).

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

6.86 **(3)** (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election. A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by

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

17 **SECTION 21.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.87 **(4)** (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting
19 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an
20 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the
21 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector
22 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and
23 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper
24 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the
25 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the

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

20 **SECTION 22.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 7.08 **(1)** (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33
22 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms
23 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration
24 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the
25 board.

1 **SECTION 23.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 85.61 **(1)** The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections
3 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to
4 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained
5 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) <u>and the information</u>
6 <u>specified in s. 6.34 (2m)</u> with personally identifiable information in the operating
7 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to
8 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator
9 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy
10 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

11 **SECTION 24.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
13 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except
14 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
15 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
16 debt<u>, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the</u>
17 <u>purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5),</u> or to the person to whom the signature relates.

18 **SECTION 25.** 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Acts 20 and
19 2013 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

20 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
21 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except
22 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
23 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
24 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the
25 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a

1 court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney,
2 law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

3 **SECTION 26. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) No later than the 20th day following the end of each calendar quarter, the
5 government accountability board and the department of transportation shall each
6 report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner
7 provided in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes concerning its progress in implementing
8 an electronic voter registration system. The board and department shall continue
9 to file reports under this subsection until the board determines that implementation
10 is complete and the performance of the system is satisfactory.

11 **SECTION 27. Fiscal changes.**

12 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
13 to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes,
14 as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by $–0– for the first
15 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement
16 the provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for
17 the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1)
18 (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
19 $–0– for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes
20 effect to implement the provisions of this act.

21 (2) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
22 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the statutes, as
23 affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by $–0– for the first fiscal
24 year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the
25 provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the

1 appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the
2 statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by $–0– for
3 the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to
4 implement the provisions of this act.

5 **SECTION 28. Initial applicability.**

6 (1) This act first applies with respect to registration for voting at the first spring
7 or partisan primary election that follows the effective date of this subsection by at
8 least 6 months.

9 **SECTION 29. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
10 except as follows:

11 (1) The repeal and recreation of section 343.027 of the statutes takes effect on
12 the day after publication, or on the date on which the creation of section 343.165 of
13 the statutes by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 takes effect, whichever is later.

14 **(END)**