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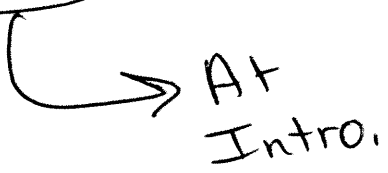

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Jeffery,

Rep. Genrich was hoping to have a bill drafted using the attached model that would create a framework for universal voter registration in Wisconsin.

http://www.alicelaw.org/uploads/asset/asset_file/477/Model_Act_to_Modernize_Voter_Registration.pdf

At this point we are hoping for a preliminary draft to see how such a plan could be adapted to WI law.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Steven Peters
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AN ACT ***to amend*** ~~5.056~~, 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.275 (1) (c), 6.275 (1) (d), 6.28 (1), 6.28 (4), 6.29 (1), 6.29 (2) (a), 6.29 (2) (b), 6.29 (2) (d), 6.30 (1), 6.32, 6.33 (1), 6.33 (2) (a), 6.33 (5) (a), 6.34 (2), 6.35 (1) (intro.), 6.36 (1) (a), 6.36 (2) (a), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 1., 6.40 (1) (c), 6.50 (10), 6.54, 6.55 (title), 6.55 (2) (a) 1., 6.55 (2) (b), 6.55 (2) (c) 1., 6.55 (2) (cs), 6.55 (2) (d), 6.86 (3) (a), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 7.08 (1) (c), 12.13 (1) (b), 12.13 (1) (c), 12.13 (1) (d), 12.13 (2) (b) 3., 85.61 (1) and 343.027; and ***to create*** 6.256, 6.29 (2) (e), 6.30 (5), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (2n), 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2), 7.08 (1) (cm) and 343.14 (2p) of the statutes; **relating to:** voter registration; proof of residence for registration and voting purposes; review of certain expenditures of the Government Accountability Board by the Joint Committee on Finance; and granting rule–making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes various changes in laws relating to voter registration and proof of residence for voting. Currently, with the exception of individuals who are defined as "military electors" under state law and new or former residents voting for president and vice president, all eligible electors of this state must register in order

to vote in an election in this state. The registration period for each election ends on the 20th day before that election, but an eligible elector may register to vote in an election after that date at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where he or she resides or at the polling place serving his or her residence by providing specified proof of residence. In order to register, an individual must provide his or her name, residence location, citizenship, date of birth, age, and the number of a valid Wisconsin driver's license or the last four digits of his or her social security number. An individual must also affirm that he or she: 1) has resided in his or her ward (or municipality if not divided into wards) for at least 28 consecutive days; 2) has not been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned and has not completed his or her sentence; 3) is not disqualified on any other ground from voting; and 4) is not registered to vote at any other location. The burden is on the elector to initiate registration and, if the elector's name, address, or eligibility changes, to initiate any change in registration required to maintain a valid registration.

This bill makes it the responsibility of the Government Accountability Board (GAB) to use all feasible means to facilitate the registration of all eligible electors of this state who are subject to a registration requirement and to maintain the registration of all eligible electors for so long as they remain eligible, except as the law specifically requires electors to take some action to confirm or continue their registrations. Under the bill, GAB must attempt to facilitate the initial registration of all eligible electors in accordance with the bill's requirements and procedures no later than July 1, 2019. To assist with its responsibility, the bill directs GAB and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into an agreement for the purpose of transferring specified personally identifiable information in DOT's records to GAB. The bill requires GAB to maintain the confidentiality of any information that GAB obtains under the agreement and allows a driver's license or identification card applicant to "opt out" of DOT's transfer of this information to GAB. Under the bill, once GAB obtains all the information required under current law to complete an elector's registration, GAB adds the elector's name to the statewide registration list. The information then becomes accessible on the Internet. No registration of an elector that is added to the list by GAB is valid until the elector confirms with GAB, on a form prescribed by GAB, that all the information pertaining to his or her registration is correct and accurate as of the date of the confirmation. The bill permits an elector to confirm a registration by any of the following means: 1) by electronic means on the Internet using a secure procedure prescribed by GAB; 2) by mail; or 3) by appearing in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners where the elector resides or at the polling place serving the elector's residence. Under the bill, if an elector does not confirm a registration that has been entered on his or her behalf by GAB, GAB may contact the elector in the manner determined by GAB to obtain confirmation or any necessary correction to the elector's registration. If the elector does not confirm a registration within 60 days of the date that it is entered on the registration list by GAB, GAB must contact the elector to obtain confirmation or any necessary correction. The bill also permits an individual whose name is added to the registration list by GAB or who wishes to

permanently exclude his or her name from the list to file a request to have his or her name deleted or excluded from the list or to revoke a deletion or exclusion request previously made. A deletion or exclusion request or revocation of a deletion or exclusion request may be made in the manner prescribed by GAB. In addition, the bill directs GAB to notify an individual by first class postcard whenever GAB removes his or her name from the registration list or changes his or her status on the list from eligible to ineligible, other than by request of the elector, except when GAB removes a duplicate entry from the list or changes the name of a deceased person from eligible to ineligible status.

Currently, if an elector is eligible to vote and is not registered to vote, the elector may register to vote and vote at the polling place serving his or her residence on election day by providing proof of residence. This bill permits an elector whose registration has been entered on the registration list by GAB to confirm his or her registration and vote on election day at the same polling place in the same manner as currently provided for original registration.

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 DOT to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by 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 with respect to electronic registration 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.

Currently, with certain exceptions, if an elector registers to vote by mail and has not voted in an election in this state, the elector must provide proof of residence prior to voting. This bill extends this requirement to apply to an elector whose registration is initiated by GAB but who has not confirmed his or her registration and has not voted in an election in this state. The bill also provides that if such an elector provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number or the last four digits of his or her social security number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB is able to instantly verify the information electronically by electronically accessing records of DOT, the elector need not provide proof of residence before voting.

The bill directs GAB to report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, no later than July 1, 2015, concerning its progress in initially implementing the registration system created by the bill. The report must contain an assessment of the feasibility and desirability or integration of registration information with information maintained by the departments of health services, children and families, workforce development, revenue, regulation and licensing, and natural resources, the University of Wisconsin System and the State Technical College System Board as well as with the the technical colleges in each technical college district.

Currently, the legislature has made appropriations to GAB for the operation of the board in the current fiscal biennium. This bill does not change these appropriations. However, the bill provides that before GAB may encumber or expend any amount of money to implement or administer any provision of the act resulting from enactment of this bill, GAB's legal counsel must first notify the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance of the proposed encumbrance or expenditure. The proposed encumbrance or expenditure is then subject to approval of or modification by the committee, but the committee may waive its right to review any proposed encumbrance or expenditure.

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

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

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

5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation. The administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), and other information specified in s. 6.256 (2) with personally identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation. Subject to s. 343.14 (2p) (b), the agreement shall provide for the electronic transfer of information under s. 6.256 (2) to the board on a continuous basis, no less often than monthly.

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

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

SECTION 3. 6.256 of the statutes is created to read:

6.256 Board shall facilitate registration of electors. (1) Except as provided for electors specified in sub. (9) and as otherwise expressly provided, the board shall use all feasible means to facilitate the registration of all eligible electors

of this state who are subject to a registration requirement and the maintenance of the registration of all eligible electors for so long as they remain eligible.

(2) Subject to s. 343.14 (2p) (b), for the purpose of carrying out its functions under sub. (1), the board shall obtain the following information from the department of transportation, to the extent that the department has the information:

(a) The full name of each individual who holds a current operator's license issued to the individual under ch. 343 or a current identification card issued to the individual under s. 343.50, together with the following information pertaining to that individual:

1. The current address of the individual together with any address history and any name history maintained by the department of transportation.

2. The date of birth of the individual.

3. The number of the license or identification card issued to the individual.

4. The individual's citizenship and any information pertaining to that citizenship and whether the individual provided proof of citizenship or other attestation of citizenship to the department of transportation.

(b) For each item of information specified in this subsection, the most recent date that the item of information was provided or obtained by the department of transportation.

(3) The board shall compare the information obtained under sub. (2) with the information in the registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (a) and shall update that information, correct inaccuracies in that information, and eliminate duplications in the list.

(4) Except as provided in sub. (9) and this subsection, if the board concludes that an individual appears eligible to vote in this state but is not registered, and the

board has obtained from reliable sources all the information required under s. 6.33 (1) to complete the individual's registration, the board shall enter the individual's name on the registration list. If the board has not obtained from reliable sources all the information pertaining to an individual that is required under s. 6.33 (1), the board shall attempt to obtain from reliable sources the necessary information under s. 6.33 (1) that is required to complete the individual's registration. If a municipality has changed the status of an elector from eligible to ineligible under s. 6.50 (1) and the elector's eligibility, name, or residence have not changed, the board shall not change the individual's name to eligible status unless the board first verifies that the individual is eligible and wishes to change his or her status to eligible.

(5) The board shall attempt to contact individuals described in sub. (4) if necessary to obtain all the information specified in s. 6.33 (1) pertaining to the individual that is required to complete the individual's registration.

(6) If the board is able to obtain all the required information specified in s. 6.33 (1) pertaining to an individual, the board shall enter the name of the individual on the registration list maintained under s. 6.36 (1) (a).

(7) If an individual's name is entered on the registration list by initiative of the board, the individual's registration is not valid until the individual confirms the registration under this subsection on a form prescribed by the board. If any information obtained by the board is not correct or accurate as of the confirmation date, the individual shall correct the information before confirming his or her registration. The confirmation shall affirm that all information is correct and accurate as of the date of confirmation, subject to all penalties prescribed by law for

falsifying information or registration. An individual may confirm his or her registration by any of the following means:

(a) By electronic means on the Internet using a secure procedure prescribed by the board.

(b) By mail.

(c) By appearing in person at the office of the municipal clerk serving the municipality where the elector resides or at the polling place serving his or her residence.

(8) If an elector does not confirm a registration that has been entered by the board under sub. (6), the board may contact the elector in the manner determined by the board to obtain confirmation of or any necessary correction to the elector's registration. If an elector does not confirm a registration that has been entered by the board within 60 days after the board enters the elector's registration under sub. (6), the board shall promptly contact the elector to obtain confirmation of or any necessary correction to the elector's registration.

(9) Any individual may file a request with the board to exclude his or her name from the registration list. Any individual whose name is added to the registration list by the board may file a request with the board or a municipal clerk to have his or her name deleted from the list. A request for exclusion or deletion shall be filed in the manner prescribed by the board. An individual who files an exclusion or deletion request under this subsection may revoke his or her request by the same means that an individual may request an exclusion or deletion. The board shall ensure that the name of any individual who has filed an exclusion or deletion request under this subsection is excluded from the registration list or if the individual's name appears on the list, is removed from the registration list and is not added to the list

at any subsequent time unless the individual files a revocation of his or her request under this subsection.

(10) If the board removes from the registration list the name of an elector who does not request that his or her name be deleted, other than to correct an entry that the board positively determines to be a duplication or to change the name of an individual who is verified to be deceased to ineligible status, the board shall mail the individual a notice of the removal or change in status by 1st class postcard at the individual's last–known address. The notice shall provide that the individual may apply to have his or her status changed to eligible if he or she is a qualified elector.

(11) The board shall attempt to facilitate the initial registration of all eligible electors, except as otherwise provided in this section, no later than July 1, 2019.

(12) The board shall maintain the confidentiality of all information obtained from the department of transportation under sub. (2) and may use this information only for the purpose of carrying out its functions under sub. (1) and s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n) and in accordance with the agreement under s. 85.61 (1).

SECTION 4. 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

SECTION 5. 6.275 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.275 **(1)** (c) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that county who registered or confirmed their registrations after the close of registration and prior to the day of the primary or election under ss. 6.29 and 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

SECTION 6. 6.275 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.275 **(1)** (d) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that county who registered or confirmed their registrations on the day of the primary or election under ss. 6.55 and 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

SECTION 7. 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.28 **(1)** REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29, 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s. 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic registration for an election under s. 6.30 (5) shall close at midnight on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council, village or town board in all other municipalities. Other registration locations may include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

SECTION 8. 6.28 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.28 **(4)** AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. Any person shall be given an opportunity to register to vote or to file a registration confirmation form under s. 6.256 (7) at the office of the county clerk for the county in which the person's residence is located. An applicant for registration may complete the required registration form under s. 6.33. Unless the county clerk performs registration functions for the municipality where the elector resides under s. 6.33 (5) (b), the county clerk shall forward ~~the~~ each form submitted by an elector to the appropriate municipal clerk, or to the board of election commissioners in cities over 500,000 population within 5 days of receipt. The clerk shall forward the form immediately whenever registration closes within 5 days of receipt.

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

6.29 **(1)** No names may be added to a registration list for any election after the close of registration, except as authorized under this section or s. 6.55 (2) or 6.86 (3) (a) 2. Any person whose name is not on the registration list but who is otherwise a qualified elector and any elector whose name appears on the registration list but whose registration has not been confirmed is entitled to vote at the election upon compliance with this section, if the person complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling place.

SECTION 10. 6.29 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.29 **(2)** (a) Any qualified elector of a municipality who has not previously filed a registration form or whose name does not appear on the registration list of the municipality may register and any elector whose name appears on the registration list but whose registration has not been confirmed may confirm his or her registration after the close of registration but not later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before an election at the office of the

municipal clerk and at the office of the clerk's agent if the clerk delegates responsibility for electronic maintenance of the registration list to an agent under s. 6.33 (5) (b). ~~The~~ An elector whose name does not appear on the registration list shall complete, in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2), a registration form containing all information required under s. 6.33 (1). The registration form shall also contain the following certification: "I, ..., hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for at least 28 consecutive days immediately preceding this election, and I have not voted at this election". ~~The~~ An elector who registers or confirms his or her registration shall also provide proof of residence under s. 6.34.

SECTION 11. 6.29 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.29 **(2)** (b) Upon the filing of the registration form or confirmation form required by this section, the municipal clerk or clerk's agent under s. 6.33 (5) (b) shall issue a certificate containing the name and address of the elector addressed to the inspectors of the proper ward or election district directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her vote if the elector complies with all requirements for voting at the polling place. The certificate shall be numbered serially, prepared in duplicate and one copy preserved in the office of the municipal clerk.

SECTION 12. 6.29 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.29 **(2)** (d) The inspectors shall record the names of electors who present certificates in person or for whom certificates are presented with absentee ballots under this section on the list maintained under s. 6.56 (1). ~~These names shall then be added to the registration list if the electors are qualified.~~

SECTION 13. 6.29 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

6.29 **(2)** (e) The municipal clerk or clerk's agent shall promptly add the names of qualified electors who register and vote under this section to the registration list. The clerk or clerk's agent shall add the names of qualified electors who vote at their polling places in the manner prescribed in s. 6.33 (5) (a).

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

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

SECTION 15. 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

6.30 **(5)** BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION. Any eligible elector who holds a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by the board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically. The form shall contain an authorization for the board to obtain from the department of transportation an electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature 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 16. 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) or by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5) or that is submitted by a special registration deputy appointed under s. 6.26, the board or municipal clerk shall examine the form for sufficiency.

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

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

(4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the board or clerk has no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the board or clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward ~~or~~ and aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall be

sent within 10 days of receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or if the board or clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector, the board or clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the board or clerk if the elector does not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

SECTION 17. 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.33 **(1)** The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter registration needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from each applicant information as to 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 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 forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

SECTION 18. 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.33 **(2)** (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the indication of whether the registration is received by mail or by electronic application, the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or the indication of verification of information in lieu of proof of residence under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and any information relating to an applicant's

voting identification card shall be recorded by the clerk. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5), each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

SECTION 19. 6.33 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.33 **(5)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a municipal clerk receives a valid registration or valid change of a name or address under an existing registration or a change of information when a registration is confirmed under s. 6.256 (7) and whenever a municipal clerk changes a person's registration from eligible to ineligible status, the municipal clerk shall promptly enter electronically on the list maintained by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, the municipal clerk may update any entries that change on the date of an election other than a general election within 30 days after the date of that election, and may update any entries that change on the date of a general election within 45 days after the date of that election. The legal counsel of the board may, upon request of a municipal clerk, permit the clerk to update entries that change on the date of a general election within 60 days after that election. The municipal clerk shall provide to the board information that is confidential under s. 6.47 (2) in such manner as the board prescribes.

SECTION 20. 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.34 **(2)** Upon completion of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33 or registration confirmation form under s. 6.256 (7), each eligible elector who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector, and who registers or confirms his or her registration after the close of registration under s. 6.29 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., or who registers at the office of the municipal clerk when voting an absentee ballot in person, shall provide an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). ~~Each~~ Except as authorized in subs. (2m) and (2n), each eligible elector 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 or who confirms a registration entered by the board, 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 or the elector is confirming a registration entered by the board, the identifying document may not be a residential lease.

SECTION 21. 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 22. 6.34 (2n) of the statutes is created to read:

6.34 **(2n)** If an elector who confirms a registration that has been entered by the board under s. 6.256 (7) would otherwise be required to provide proof of residence

under sub. (2) but provides, in lieu of proof of residence, the number of a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number together with the elector's name and date of birth, and the board is able to verify the information electronically at the time of confirmation or voting, the elector is not required to provide proof of residence.

SECTION 23. 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) and (2n), submitted by an elector who confirms a registration or who registers electronically 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 24. 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 25. 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 26. 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.36 **(1)** (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number

assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), any information relating to the elector that appears on the current list transmitted to the board by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m), an indication of any accommodation required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by the elector, an indication of the method by which the elector's registration form was received, if any information in the elector's registration was obtained by initiative of the board, whether the registration of the individual has been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), and such other information as may be determined by the board to facilitate administration of elector registration requirements.

SECTION 27. 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.36 **(2)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), each registration list prepared for use as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee ballots at an election shall contain the full name and address of each registered elector; a blank column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they vote or the poll list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in canvassing absentee ballots; an indication whether the registration of the elector has been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), if confirmation is required; an indication next to the name of each elector for whom proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required; a space for entry of the elector's signature, or if another person signed the elector's registration form for the elector by reason of the elector's physical disability, the word "exempt"; and a form of certificate bearing the certification of the administrator of

the elections division of the board stating that the list is a true and complete registration list of the municipality or the ward or wards for which the list is prepared. The board shall, by rule, prescribe the space and location for entry of each elector's signature on the poll list which shall provide for entry of the signature without changing the orientation of the poll list from the orientation used by the election officials.

SECTION 28. 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) and (2n), 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 or has not confirmed his or her registration under s. 6.256 (7) and has not previously voted in an election in this state.

SECTION 29. 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 30. 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. 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 31. 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 32. 6.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

6.54 Failure to register; rights. No name may be added to the registration list after the close of registration, but any person whose name is not on the registration list or whose registration has not been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), if confirmation is required, but who is otherwise a qualified elector, is entitled to vote at the election upon compliance with s. 6.29 or 6.55.

SECTION 33. 6.55 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.55 (title) **Polling place registration and registration confirmation; voting by certification.**

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

6.55 **(2)** (a) 1. Except where the procedure under par. (c) or (cm) is employed, any person who qualifies as an elector in the ward or election district where he or she desires to vote, but has not previously filed a registration form, whose registration appears on the registration list but has not been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7) or who was registered at another location, may request permission to vote at the polling place for that ward or election district, or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b). When a proper request is made, the inspector shall require the person to execute a registration form or confirmation form prescribed by the board. The registration form shall be completed in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2) and shall contain all information required under s. 6.33 (1), together with the following certification:

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

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

6.55 **(2)** (b) Upon executing ~~the~~ a registration form or confirmation form under par. (a), the elector shall provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. The signing by the elector executing the registration form or confirmation form shall be in the presence of the special registration deputy or inspector who shall then print his or her name on and sign the form, indicating that the deputy or inspector has accepted the form. Upon compliance with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her

vote, if the elector complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling place.

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

6.55 **(2)** (c) 1. As an alternative to registration or confirmation of registration under par. (a) at ~~the~~ a polling place under pars. (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who is not registered or confirmed and desires to register or confirm his or her registration on the day of an election to do so at another readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b), instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the polling place. An eligible elector who desires to register or confirm his or her registration shall execute a registration form or confirmation form as prescribed under par. (a) and provide proof of residence as provided under s. 6.34. The signing by the person executing the registration form or confirmation form shall be in the presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration deputy shall then print his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk, deputy clerk, or deputy has accepted the form. Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall serially number the registration and give one copy to the person for presentation at the polling place serving the person's residence or an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

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

6.55 **(2)** (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m) as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote or to confirm a registration in accordance with s. 6.256 (7) under this subsection or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list. If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the inspectors or special registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or special registration deputies shall permit the elector to register or to confirm his or her registration but shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of Corrections." If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

SECTION 38. 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 39. 6.86 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 **(3)** (a) 1. Any elector who is registered and whose registration is confirmed, whenever confirmation is required, and who is hospitalized, may apply for and obtain an official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot for the hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed by that elector, unless the elector is unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing an application on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the application due to physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other information required under this subdivision. Except as authorized for an elector who has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) or as authorized under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4., the agent shall present any proof of identification required under sub. (1) (ar). The form shall include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating that the agent presented proof of identification to the clerk on behalf of the elector.

2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered or the elector's registration is not confirmed, the elector may register or confirm his or her registration by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision, the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature~~, unless the elector is unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case~~ To confirm a registration under this subdivision, the agent shall present a completed registration confirmation form under s. 6.256 (7). If the elector is unable to sign either form due to physical

disability, the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application or confirmation is made on request and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other information required under this subdivision. The agent shall provide proof of the elector's residence under s. 6.34.

SECTION 40. 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 or confirmation 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 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) and (2n), if the elector is registering for the election after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail or by electronic application or the elector confirmed his or her registration after the close of registration 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 41. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 **(4)** (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in sub. (2m) and 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) and (2n), 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 or confirmed his or her registration after the close of registration 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 42. 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 43. 7.08 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

7.08 **(1)** (cm) Prescribe the form required by s. 6.30 (5). The form shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting through use of the form.

SECTION 44. 12.13 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12.13 **(1)** (b) Falsely procures registration, confirms inaccurate registration information, or makes false statements to the municipal clerk, board of election commissioners or any other election official whether or not under oath.

SECTION 45. 12.13 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12.13 **(1)** (c) Registers as an elector in more than one place for the same election or confirms 2 or more simultaneous registrations to vote in the same election.

SECTION 46. 12.13 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

12.13 **(1)** (d) Impersonates a registered elector or a person whose unconfirmed registration appears on the registration list or poses as another person for the purpose of voting at an election.

SECTION 47. 12.13 (2) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

12.13 **(2)** (b) 3. Permit registration, confirmation of registration or receipt of a vote from a person who the official knows is not a legally qualified elector or who has refused after being challenged to make the oath or to properly answer the necessary questions pertaining to the requisite requirements and residence; or put into the ballot box a ballot other than the official's own or other one lawfully received.

SECTION 48. 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.61 **(1)** The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1), the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), and other information specified in s. 6.256 (2) with personally identifiable information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341, notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j), to the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration. Notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j), but subject to s. 343.14 (2p) (b) the agreement shall provide for the transfer of electronic information under s. 6.256 (2) to the board on a continuous basis, no less often than monthly.

SECTION 49. 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

343.027 Confidentiality of signatures. Any signature collected under this chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the 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 50. 343.14 (2p) of the statutes is created to read:

343.14 **(2p)** (a) The forms for application for a license or identification card or for renewal thereof shall inform the applicant of the department's duty to make available to the government accountability board the information described in s. 6.256 (2) for the purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3) and shall provide the applicant an opportunity to elect not to have this information made available for these purposes.

(b) If the applicant elects not to have the information described in s. 6.256 (2) made available for the purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3), the department shall not make this information available for these purposes. This paragraph does not preclude the department from making available to the government accountability board information for the purposes specified in s. 6.34 (2m) or for any purpose other than those specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3).

SECTION 51. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) PROGRESS REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION. 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.

(2) INITIAL SHARING OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Notwithstanding section 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by this act, and sections 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j) of the statutes, the department of transportation shall enter into and begin transferring information under a revised agreement with the administrator of the elections division of the government accountability board pursuant to section 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by this act, no later than the first day of the 4th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

(3) REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION INTEGRATION. No later than July 1, 2015, the board shall report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, in the manner specified in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes, concerning its progress in initially implementing a system to ensure the complete and continuous registration of all eligible electors in this state, specifically including the operability and utility of information integration with the department of transportation and the desirability and feasibility of integrating public information maintained by other state agencies and by technical colleges with the board's registration information to enhance the completeness and accuracy of the information. At a minimum, the report shall contain an assessment of the feasibility and desirability of the integration of registration information with information maintained by the departments of health services, children and families, workforce development, revenue, regulation and licensing, and natural resources, the

University of Wisconsin System, and the technical college system board, as well as the technical colleges within each technical college district.

(4) REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES MADE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

(a) Notwithstanding section 20.511 of the statutes and all provisions of this act, the government accountability board shall not encumber or expend any amount of money to implement or administer this act unless the legal counsel to the board first notifies the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance in writing of the proposed encumbrance or expenditure. If the cochairpersons do not notify the legal counsel that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed expenditure within 14 working days after the date of the legal counsel's notification, the board may encumber or expend the money as proposed. If, within 14 working days after the date of the legal counsel's notification, the cochairpersons notify the legal counsel that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed encumbrance or expenditure, the board shall not make the proposed encumbrance or expenditure unless the committee approves the proposed encumbrance or expenditure or modifies and approves the proposed encumbrance or expenditure. If the committee modifies and approves the proposed encumbrance or expenditure, the board may make the proposed encumbrance or expenditure only as modified by the committee.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply after June 30, 2015.

(5) REQUIRED GENERAL FUND BALANCE. Section 20.003 (4) of the statutes does not apply to the action of the legislature in enacting this act.

SECTION 52. 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.

(2) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) 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 department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) 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.

SECTION 53. Initial applicability.

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

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