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**SENATE AMENDMENT 15,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 56**

June 26, 2019 - Offered by Senator LARSON.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill, as shown by assembly substitute
2 amendment 1, as follows:

3 **1.** Page 1, line 3: before that line insert:

4 “**SECTION 5d.** 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The
6 commission administrator shall enter into the agreement with the secretary of
7 transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally identifiable
8 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.
9 6.36 (1) and the information specified in ~~s. ss. 6.256 (2) and~~ 6.34 (2m) with personally
10 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation. Subject
11 to s. 343.14 (2p) (b), the agreement shall provide for the electronic transfer of
12 information under s. 6.256 (2) to the commission on a continuous basis, no less often
13 than monthly.

1 **SECTION 6d.** 6.256 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **6.256 Commission shall facilitate registration of electors. (1)** Except as
3 provided for electors specified in sub. (7) and as otherwise expressly provided, the
4 commission shall use all feasible means to facilitate the registration of all eligible
5 electors of this state who are subject to a registration requirement and the
6 maintenance of the registration of all eligible electors for so long as they remain
7 eligible.

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

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

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

18 2. The date of birth of the individual.

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

20 4. A copy of the document that the applicant provided as proof of citizenship
21 and a statement from the department of transportation indicating that the
22 department verified the applicant's citizenship. For purposes of this subdivision, the
23 applicant shall provide a document that meets the requirements under 42 USC
24 1320b-7 (d).

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

4 **(3)** The commission shall compare the information obtained under sub. (2) with
5 the information in the registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (a). If the commission finds
6 discrepancies between the information obtained under sub. (2) regarding an elector
7 and the information in the registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (a) regarding that same
8 elector, the commission shall contact the elector by mail or telephone or in person to
9 resolve the discrepancies. If the commission is able to resolve the discrepancies after
10 contacting the elector, the commission shall update the information on the
11 registration list. If the commission is unable to contact the elector, the commission
12 shall resolve any discrepancies in favor of the information in the registration list.

13 **(4)** Except as provided in this subsection and sub. (7), if the commission
14 concludes that an individual appears eligible to vote in this state but is not
15 registered, and the commission has obtained from reliable sources all the
16 information required under s. 6.33 (1) to complete the individual's registration, the
17 commission shall enter the individual's name on the registration list. If the
18 commission has not obtained from reliable sources all the information pertaining to
19 an individual that is required under s. 6.33 (1), the commission shall attempt to
20 obtain from reliable sources the necessary information under s. 6.33 (1) that is
21 required to complete the individual's registration. If a municipality has changed the
22 status of an elector from eligible to ineligible under s. 6.50 (1) and the elector's
23 eligibility, name, or residence has not changed, the commission may not change the
24 individual's name to eligible status unless the commission first verifies that the
25 individual is eligible and wishes to change his or her status to eligible.

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

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

7 **(7)** Any individual may file a request with the commission to exclude his or her
8 name from the registration list. Any individual whose name is added to the
9 registration list by the commission may file a request with the commission or a
10 municipal clerk to have his or her name deleted from the list. A request for exclusion
11 or deletion shall be filed in the manner prescribed by the commission. An individual
12 who files an exclusion or deletion request under this subsection may revoke his or
13 her request by the same means that an individual may request an exclusion or
14 deletion. The commission shall ensure that the name of any individual who has filed
15 an exclusion or deletion request under this subsection is excluded from the
16 registration list or, if the individual's name appears on the list, is removed from the
17 registration list and is not added to the list at any subsequent time unless the
18 individual files a revocation of his or her request under this subsection.

19 **(8)** If the commission removes from the registration list the name of an elector
20 who does not request that his or her name be deleted, other than to correct an entry
21 that the commission positively determines to be a duplication or to change the name
22 of an individual who is verified to be deceased to ineligible status, the commission
23 shall mail the individual a notice of the removal or change in status by 1st class
24 postcard at the individual's last-known address. The notice shall provide that the

1 individual may apply to have his or her status changed to eligible if he or she is a
2 qualified elector.

3 (9) The commission shall attempt to facilitate the initial registration of all
4 eligible electors, except as otherwise provided in this section, as soon as practicable.

5 (10) The commission shall maintain the confidentiality of all information
6 obtained from the department of transportation under sub. (2) and may use this
7 information only for the purpose of carrying out its functions under sub. (1) and s.
8 6.34 (2m) and in accordance with the agreement under s. 85.61 (1).

9 **SECTION 6e.** 6.29 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

10 6.29 (2) (e) The municipal clerk or clerk's agent shall promptly add the names
11 of qualified electors who register and vote under this section to the registration list.
12 The clerk or clerk's agent shall add the names of qualified electors who vote at their
13 polling places in the manner prescribed in s. 6.33 (5) (a).

14 **SECTION 6f.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the clerk
16 shall record the ward and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information
17 under sub. (1), the indication of whether the registration is received by mail, and the
18 type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s.
19 6.34 or the indication of verification of information in lieu of proof of residence under
20 s. 6.34 (2m). Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5), each elector shall sign his or her own
21 name unless the elector is unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability.
22 In such case, the elector may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her
23 behalf. If the elector so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a
24 statement that the application is made upon request and by authorization of a named
25 elector who is unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

1 **SECTION 6g.** 6.35 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.35 (3) ~~Original~~ Except for electronic registrations, original registration forms
3 shall be maintained in the office of the municipal clerk or board of election
4 commissioners at all times. The commission shall maintain electronic registration
5 forms and make such forms available for inspection by the municipal clerk, the
6 clerk's designated agent, or the board of election commissioners.

7 **SECTION 6h.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
9 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier
10 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
11 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
12 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by
13 absentee ballot. ~~If~~ Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), if the elector is registering for
14 the election after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail or by
15 electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state, the municipal
16 clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the
17 elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope with the ballot.
18 The clerk shall verify that the name on any required proof of identification presented
19 by the agent conforms to the name on the elector's application. The clerk shall then
20 enter his or her initials on the carrier envelope indicating that the agent presented
21 proof of identification to the clerk. The agent is not required to enter a signature on
22 the registration list. The ballot shall be sealed by the elector and returned to the
23 municipal clerk either by mail or by personal delivery of the agent; but if the ballot
24 is returned on the day of the election, the agent shall make personal delivery to the
25 polling place serving the hospitalized elector's residence before the closing hour or,

1 in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the
2 municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.”.

3 **2.** Page 407, line 18: after that line insert:

4 “**SECTION 1087d.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections
6 commission shall enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable
7 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.
8 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. ss. 6.256 (2) and 6.34 (2m) with personally
9 identifiable information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and
10 vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to the extent required to enable the
11 secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections commission to
12 verify the accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.
13 Notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j), but subject to s.
14 343.14 (2p) (b), the agreement shall provide for the transfer of electronic information
15 under s. 6.256 (2) to the commission on a continuous basis, no less often than
16 monthly.”.

17 **3.** Page 454, line 2: after that line insert:

18 “**SECTION 1991c.** 343.14 (2p) of the statutes is created to read:

19 343.14 (2p) (a) The forms for application for a license or identification card or
20 for renewal thereof shall inform the applicant of the department’s duty to make
21 available to the elections commission the information described in s. 6.256 (2) for the
22 purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3) and shall provide the applicant an
23 opportunity to elect not to have this information made available for these purposes.

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

7 **4.** Page 497, line 21: after that line insert:

8 “(5t) INITIAL SHARING OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Notwithstanding ss. 85.61
9 (1), 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j), the department of transportation shall
10 enter into and begin transferring information under a revised agreement with the
11 elections commission administrator pursuant to s. 85.61 (1) no later than the first
12 day of the 4th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

13 (5u) REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION INTEGRATION. No later than
14 July 1, 2020, the elections commission shall report to the appropriate standing
15 committees of the legislature, in the manner specified in s. 13.172 (3), concerning its
16 progress in initially implementing a system to ensure the complete and continuous
17 registration of all eligible electors in this state, specifically including the operability
18 and utility of information integration with the department of transportation and the
19 feasibility and desirability of integrating public information maintained by other
20 state agencies and by technical colleges with the commission’s registration
21 information to enhance the completeness and accuracy of the information. At a
22 minimum, the report shall contain an assessment of the feasibility and desirability
23 of the integration of registration information with information maintained by the
24 departments of health services, children and families, workforce development,

1 revenue, safety and professional services, and natural resources; the University of
2 Wisconsin System; and the technical college system board, as well as the technical
3 colleges within each technical college district.”.

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