



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ELECTIONS

1. Voter identification

Current law allows an individual to use as voter identification an unexpired identification card issued by a technical college, college, or university in this state if the card meets certain criteria. The card must have an expiration date that is no later than two years after the date it was issued, and the individual must establish proof of enrollment. This bill eliminates the proof of enrollment requirement and allows the use of a card that expires no later than five years after the issuance date. The bill also eliminates the requirement that the card contain the student's signature. In addition, the bill requires each technical college in this state and each UW System institution to issue student identification cards that meet the criteria to be used as voter identification no later than August 1, 2019.

Current law also allows an individual to use as voter identification an identification card issued by DOT. DOT may issue a receipt as a temporary identification card to use for voting and other purposes to an individual who is waiting for the permanent card. The receipt expires in 60 days. The bill extends the expiration date to 180 days.

2. Voting absentee in person

Current law allows an individual to complete an absentee ballot in person no earlier than 14 days preceding the election and no later than the Sunday preceding

the election. The bill eliminates the restriction on how soon a person may complete an absentee ballot in person and provides that a person must complete such a ballot no later than the Friday preceding the election.

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. 5.02 (6m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

5.02 **(6m)** (f) An unexpired student identification card issued by a university or college in this state that is accredited, as defined in s. 39.30 (1) (d), or by a technical college in this state that is a member of and governed by the technical college system under ch. 38, that contains the date of issuance ~~and signature of the individual to whom it is issued~~ and that contains an expiration date indicating that the card expires no later than ~~2~~ 5 years after the date of issuance ~~if the individual establishes that he or she is enrolled as a student at the university or college on the date that the card is presented.~~

SECTION 2. 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 **(1)** (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made by mail, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in person, the application shall be made ~~no earlier than 14 days preceding the election and no later than the Sunday 7 p.m. on the Friday~~ preceding the election. No application may be received on a legal holiday. A municipality shall specify the hours in the notice under s. 10.01 (2) (e). The municipal clerk or an election official shall witness the certificate for any in-person absentee ballot cast. Except as provided in par. (c), if the elector is making written application for an absentee ballot at the partisan primary, the general

election, the presidential preference primary, or a special election for national office, and the application indicates that the elector is a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), the application shall be received by the municipal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application indicates that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election, the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2) or (2m), the application may be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

SECTION 3. 343.50 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

343.50 (1) (c) 1. The department may issue a receipt to any applicant for an identification card, and shall issue a receipt to an applicant requesting an identification card under sub. (5) (a) 3., which receipt shall constitute a temporary identification card while the application is being processed and shall be valid for a period not to exceed ~~60~~ 180 days. If the application for an identification card is processed under the exception specified in s. 343.165 (7) or (8), the receipt shall include the marking specified in sub. (3) (b).

SECTION 9112. Nonstatutory provisions; Elections Commission.

(1) VOTER IDENTIFICATION. No later than August 1, 2019, each technical college in this state that is a member of and governed by the technical college system under ch. 38 and each University of Wisconsin System institution shall issue student identification cards that qualify as identification under s. 5.02 (6m) (f).

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