

State of Wisconsin



2001 Assembly Bill 514

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2001 WISCONSIN ACT 39

AN ACT relating to: reconciling conflicts and repelling unintended repeals (Revisor's Correction Bill).

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

SECTION 1. 7.41 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.41 (4) ~~An~~ No individual exercising the right under sub. (1) may not view any records to which access by observers is prohibited under s. 7.39 (5). ~~The~~ the confidential portion of a registration list maintained under s. 6.36 (4) or a poll list maintained under s. 6.79 (6). However, the inspectors shall disclose to such an individual, upon request, the existence of confidential records specified in s. 7.39 (5) and the information required to be provided to observers under s. 7.39 (5) ~~such a list, the number of electors whose names appear on the list, and the num-~~

ber of those electors who have voted at any point in the proceedings. No observer may view the certificate-affidavit form of an absent elector who obtains a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2).

NOTE: 1999 Wis. Act 49 created a class of electors, domestic abuse victims, who can vote anonymously to avoid detection by stalking abusers. 1999 Wis. Act 49 created language in s. 7.39 (5) and created s. 7.41 (4), which depends on s. 7.39 (5) for its efficacy, to prevent persons observing elections from viewing a registration list that identifies domestic abuse victims who voted anonymously. 1999 Wis. Act 182, without taking Act 49 into account, repealed s. 7.39 in its entirety in the process of removing all references in ch. 7 to "observers." This bill recreates in s. 7.41 (4) the language added to s. 7.39 (5) in order to give effect to the treatment of those 2 provisions by Act 49.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1999-00: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].