



**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2009 SENATE BILL 435**

April 12, 2010 - Offered by Senator COGGS.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 7.23 (1) (b); *to amend* 7.23 (1) (f), 7.23 (1) (g), 7.23 (1) (h) and  
2 7.23 (2); and *to create* 5.02 (4s) of the statutes; **relating to:** the period for  
3 retention of certain election materials in state and local elections.

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

Currently, detachable recording units and compartments for use with electronic voting machines may be cleared or erased no earlier than 14 days after any primary and 21 days after any other election. Before clearing or erasing the units or compartments, a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners must transfer the data contained in the units or compartments to a disk or other recording medium which may be erased or destroyed no earlier than 22 months after the election to which the data relates.

This substitute amendment exempts municipalities from this transfer requirement if the recording units and compartments are for use with tabulating equipment for an electronic voting system that was approved by the Government Accountability Board for use prior to January 1, 2009. However, the exemption applies only at an election at which no federal office appears on the ballot. The substitute amendment does not permit the clearing or erasing of such recording units or compartments while a recount or appeal of a recount determination or decision is pending nor during the time period following a recount or appeal of a recount determination or decision when an appeal or petition for review may be filed

except by order of a court in which an appeal is pending. The substitute amendment also applies the same limitation concerning pending recounts, appeals, and appeal periods to other materials relating to a specific election.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (4s) of the statutes is created to read:

2           5.02 (4s) “Federal election” means any election at which a national office  
3 appears on the ballot.

4           **SECTION 2.** 7.23 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

5           **SECTION 3.** 7.23 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           7.23 (1) (f) Except as authorized in pars. (b) and par. (g), ballots, applications  
7 for absentee ballots, registration forms, or other records and papers requisite to  
8 voting at any federal election, other than registration cards, may be destroyed after  
9 22 months.

10          **SECTION 4.** 7.23 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

11          7.23 (1) (g) Detachable recording units and compartments for use with  
12 tabulating equipment for an electronic voting machines system may be cleared or  
13 erased 14 days after any primary and 21 days after any other election. Before  
14 clearing or erasing the units or compartments, a municipal clerk shall transfer the  
15 data contained in the units or compartments to a disk or other recording medium  
16 which may be erased or destroyed 22 months after the election to which the data  
17 relates. The requirement to transfer data does not apply to units or compartments  
18 for use with tabulating equipment for an electronic voting system that was approved  
19 for use prior to January 1, 2009, and that is not used in a federal election.

20          **SECTION 5.** 7.23 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

