



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 146
[2013 Senate Bill 324]

**Limiting Times for In-Person
Absentee Voting**

2013 Wisconsin Act 146 limits the days and times during which in-person absentee voting may be conducted.

Prior Law

Under prior law, in-person absentee voting could be conducted between the opening of business on the third Monday preceding the election and 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever was later, on the Friday preceding the election. Prior law did not impose additional restrictions on the days or times that a municipality could conduct in-person absentee voting during that period.

2013 Wisconsin Act 146

Act 146 maintains the same general time period for in-person absentee voting but restricts such voting to weekdays between specified hours. Under the Act, in-person absentee voting may be conducted Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. from the third Monday preceding the election to the Friday preceding the election. The Act also prohibits in-person absentee voting on a legal holiday.

Effective date: The Act first applies to elections held no earlier than 60 days after the effective date of March 29, 2014.

Prepared by: Katie Bender-Olson, Staff Attorney

April 1, 2014

KBO;jb:ksm

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.