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1 **AN ACT to amend** 5.056, 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.275 (1) (c), 6.275 (1) (d), 6.28 (1),
2 6.28 (4), 6.29 (1), 6.29 (2) (a), 6.29 (2) (b), 6.29 (2) (d), 6.30 (1), 6.32, 6.33 (1), 6.33
3 (2) (a), 6.33 (5) (a), 6.34 (2), 6.35 (1) (intro.), 6.36 (1) (a), 6.36 (2) (a), 6.36 (2) (c),
4 6.40 (1) (a) 1., 6.40 (1) (c), 6.50 (10), 6.54, 6.55 (title), 6.55 (2) (a) 1., 6.55 (2) (b),
5 6.55 (2) (c) 1., 6.55 (2) (cs), 6.55 (2) (d), 6.86 (3) (a), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 7.08
6 (1) (c), 12.13 (1) (b), 12.13 (1) (c), 12.13 (1) (d), 12.13 (2) (b) 3., 85.61 (1) and
7 343.027; and **to create** 6.256, 6.29 (2) (e), 6.30 (5), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (2n), 6.34 (4),
8 6.35 (2), 7.08 (1) (cm) and 343.14 (2p) of the statutes; **relating to:** voter
9 registration; proof of residence for registration and voting purposes; review of
10 certain expenditures of the Government Accountability Board by the Joint
11 Committee on Finance; and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes various changes in laws relating to voter registration and proof of residence for voting. Currently, with the exception of individuals who are defined as “military electors” under state law and new or former residents voting for president and vice president, all eligible electors of this state must register in order

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to vote in an election in this state. The registration period for each election ends on the 20th day before that election, but an eligible elector may register to vote in an election after that date at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where he or she resides or at the polling place serving his or her residence by providing specified proof of residence. In order to register, an individual must provide his or her name, residence location, citizenship, date of birth, age, and the number of a valid Wisconsin driver's license or the last four digits of his or her social security number. An individual must also affirm that he or she: 1) has resided in his or her ward (or municipality if not divided into wards) for at least 28 consecutive days; 2) has not been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned and has not completed his or her sentence; 3) is not disqualified on any other ground from voting; and 4) is not registered to vote at any other location. The burden is on the elector to initiate registration and, if the elector's name, address, or eligibility changes, to initiate any change in registration required to maintain a valid registration.

This bill makes it the responsibility of the Government Accountability Board (GAB) to use all feasible means to facilitate the registration of all eligible electors of this state who are subject to a registration requirement and to maintain the registration of all eligible electors for so long as they remain eligible, except as the law specifically requires electors to take some action to confirm or continue their registrations. Under the bill, GAB must attempt to facilitate the initial registration of all eligible electors in accordance with the bill's requirements and procedures no later than July 1, 2019. To assist with its responsibility, the bill directs GAB and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into an agreement for the purpose of transferring specified personally identifiable information in DOT's records to GAB. The bill requires GAB to maintain the confidentiality of any information that GAB obtains under the agreement and allows a driver's license or identification card applicant to "opt out" of DOT's transfer of this information to GAB. Under the bill, once GAB obtains all the information required under current law to complete an elector's registration, GAB adds the elector's name to the statewide registration list. The information then becomes accessible on the Internet. No registration of an elector that is added to the list by GAB is valid until the elector confirms with GAB, on a form prescribed by GAB, that all the information pertaining to his or her registration is correct and accurate as of the date of the confirmation. The bill permits an elector to confirm a registration by any of the following means: 1) by electronic means on the Internet using a secure procedure prescribed by GAB; 2) by mail; or 3) by appearing in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners where the elector resides or at the polling place serving the elector's residence. Under the bill, if an elector does not confirm a registration that has been entered on his or her behalf by GAB, GAB may contact the elector in the manner determined by GAB to obtain confirmation or any necessary correction to the elector's registration. If the elector does not confirm a registration within 60 days of the date that it is entered on the registration list by GAB, GAB must contact the elector to obtain confirmation or any necessary correction. The bill also permits an individual whose name is added to the registration list by GAB or who wishes to

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permanently exclude his or her name from the list to file a request to have his or her name deleted or excluded from the list or to revoke a deletion or exclusion request previously made. A deletion or exclusion request or revocation of a deletion or exclusion request may be made in the manner prescribed by GAB. In addition, the bill directs GAB to notify an individual by first class postcard whenever GAB removes his or her name from the registration list or changes his or her status on the list from eligible to ineligible, other than by request of the elector, except when GAB removes a duplicate entry from the list or changes the name of a deceased person from eligible to ineligible status.

Currently, if an elector is eligible to vote and is not registered to vote, the elector may register to vote and vote at the polling place serving his or her residence on election day by providing proof of residence. This bill permits an elector whose registration has been entered on the registration list by GAB to confirm his or her registration and vote on election day at the same polling place in the same manner as currently provided for original registration.

Currently, a qualified elector may register to vote at any election by mail, in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality or county where the elector resides, or by completing a registration form with a special registration deputy no later than the 20th day before the election. A qualified elector may also register to vote at an election in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality where the elector resides no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. In order to register, an elector must provide his or her name and address and certain other information required to ascertain his or her eligibility and must sign the form. With certain exceptions, an elector who registers after the 20th day before an election or an elector who registers by mail and who has not voted before in an election in this state must provide proof of residence prior to voting. Currently, the clerk or board of election commissioners must verify each registration received by mail or submitted by a special registration deputy by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

This bill permits a qualified elector who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by DOT to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by GAB. The bill requires an electronic registration to be completed no later than the 20th day before an election in order to be valid for that election. Under the bill, a qualified elector enters the same information that appears on the current registration form and authorizes DOT to forward a copy of his or her electronic signature to GAB. The authorization affirms that all information provided by the elector is correct and has the same effect as if the elector signed the form personally. The bill also permits an elector who is currently registered to vote and who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card to electronically enter a change of name or address using a similar procedure. In accordance with the existing procedure for verifying registrations that are not received at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the bill provides that when an electronic registration is received, GAB or the clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of

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residence must verify each electronic registration by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address. Except as otherwise permitted under the bill, if the registrant is voting for the first time in an election in this state, the registrant must provide proof of residence before voting in the election. The bill creates one exception which provides that, if an elector who registers electronically provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB is able to verify the information electronically at the time of registration by electronically accessing DOT's records, the elector need not provide proof of residence prior to voting. The bill directs GAB and DOT to enter into an agreement that permits GAB to verify the necessary information instantly by accessing DOT's electronic files.

Currently, each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners must maintain a file of voter registration forms for the electors of the municipality. This bill provides that the clerk or board must maintain registrations that are entered electronically in the manner prescribed by GAB, by rule.

The changes with respect to electronic registration first apply with respect to registration for voting at the first spring or partisan primary election that follows the day on which the bill becomes law by at least six months.

Currently, with certain exceptions, if an elector registers to vote by mail and has not voted in an election in this state, the elector must provide proof of residence prior to voting. This bill extends this requirement to apply to an elector whose registration is initiated by GAB but who has not confirmed his or her registration and has not voted in an election in this state. The bill also provides that if such an elector provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number or the last four digits of his or her social security number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB is able to instantly verify the information electronically by electronically accessing records of DOT, the elector need not provide proof of residence before voting.

The bill directs GAB to report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, no later than July 1, 2015, concerning its progress in initially implementing the registration system created by the bill. The report must contain an assessment of the feasibility and desirability or integration of registration information with information maintained by the departments of health services, children and families, workforce development, revenue, regulation and licensing, and natural resources, the University of Wisconsin System and the State Technical College System Board as well as with the the technical colleges in each technical college district.

Currently, the legislature has made appropriations to GAB for the operation of the board in the current fiscal biennium. This bill does not change these appropriations. However, the bill provides that before GAB may encumber or expend any amount of money to implement or administer any provision of the act resulting from enactment of this bill, GAB's legal counsel must first notify the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance of the proposed encumbrance or expenditure. The proposed encumbrance or expenditure is then subject to approval of or modification by the committee, but the committee may waive its right to review any proposed encumbrance or expenditure.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

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

11 **SECTION 2.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **6.24 (3) REGISTRATION.** The overseas elector shall register in the municipality
13 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector's parent was last
14 domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector's
15 qualifications under this section. The form shall be substantially similar to the
16 original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable. Registration shall be
17 accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

18 **SECTION 3.** 6.256 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **6.256 Board shall facilitate registration of electors.** (1) Except as
20 provided for electors specified in sub. (9) and as otherwise expressly provided, the
21 board shall use all feasible means to facilitate the registration of all eligible electors

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1 of this state who are subject to a registration requirement and the maintenance of
2 the registration of all eligible electors for so long as they remain eligible.

3 (2) Subject to s. 343.14 (2p) (b), for the purpose of carrying out its functions
4 under sub. (1), the board shall obtain the following information from the department
5 of transportation, to the extent that the department has the information:

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

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

12 2. The date of birth of the individual.

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

14 4. The individual's citizenship and any information pertaining to that
15 citizenship and whether the individual provided proof of citizenship or other
16 attestation of citizenship to the department of transportation.

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

20 (3) The board shall compare the information obtained under sub. (2) with the
21 information in the registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (a) and shall update that
22 information, correct inaccuracies in that information, and eliminate duplications in
23 the list.

24 (4) Except as provided in sub. (9) and this subsection, if the board concludes
25 that an individual appears eligible to vote in this state but is not registered, and the

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1 board has obtained from reliable sources all the information required under s. 6.33
2 (1) to complete the individual's registration, the board shall enter the individual's
3 name on the registration list. If the board has not obtained from reliable sources all
4 the information pertaining to an individual that is required under s. 6.33 (1), the
5 board shall attempt to obtain from reliable sources the necessary information under
6 s. 6.33 (1) that is required to complete the individual's registration. If a
7 municipality has changed the status of an elector from eligible to ineligible under s.
8 6.50 (1) and the elector's eligibility, name, or residence have not changed, the board
9 shall not change the individual's name to eligible status unless the board first
10 verifies that the individual is eligible and wishes to change his or her status to
11 eligible.

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

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

18 (7) If an individual's name is entered on the registration list by initiative of the
19 board, the individual's registration is not valid until the individual confirms the
20 registration under this subsection on a form prescribed by the board. If any
21 information obtained by the board is not correct or accurate as of the confirmation
22 date, the individual shall correct the information before confirming his or her
23 registration. The confirmation shall affirm that all information is correct and
24 accurate as of the date of confirmation, subject to all penalties prescribed by law for

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1 falsifying information or registration. An individual may confirm his or her
2 registration by any of the following means:

3 (a) By electronic means on the Internet using a secure procedure prescribed by
4 the board.

5 (b) By mail.

6 (c) By appearing in person at the office of the municipal clerk serving the
7 municipality where the elector resides or at the polling place serving his or her
8 residence.

9 **(8)** If an elector does not confirm a registration that has been entered by the
10 board under sub. (6), the board may contact the elector in the manner determined
11 by the board to obtain confirmation of or any necessary correction to the elector's
12 registration. If an elector does not confirm a registration that has been entered by
13 the board within 60 days after the board enters the elector's registration under sub.
14 (6), the board shall promptly contact the elector to obtain confirmation of or any
15 necessary correction to the elector's registration.

16 **(9)** Any individual may file a request with the board to exclude his or her name
17 from the registration list. Any individual whose name is added to the registration
18 list by the board may file a request with the board or a municipal clerk to have his
19 or her name deleted from the list. A request for exclusion or deletion shall be filed
20 in the manner prescribed by the board. An individual who files an exclusion or
21 deletion request under this subsection may revoke his or her request by the same
22 means that an individual may request an exclusion or deletion. The board shall
23 ensure that the name of any individual who has filed an exclusion or deletion request
24 under this subsection is excluded from the registration list or if the individual's name
25 appears on the list, is removed from the registration list and is not added to the list

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1 at any subsequent time unless the individual files a revocation of his or her request
2 under this subsection.

3 (10) If the board removes from the registration list the name of an elector who
4 does not request that his or her name be deleted, other than to correct an entry that
5 the board positively determines to be a duplication or to change the name of an
6 individual who is verified to be deceased to ineligible status, the board shall mail the
7 individual a notice of the removal or change in status by 1st class postcard at the
8 individual's last-known address. The notice shall provide that the individual may
9 apply to have his or her status changed to eligible if he or she is a qualified elector.

10 (11) The board shall attempt to facilitate the initial registration of all eligible
11 electors, except as otherwise provided in this section, no later than July 1, 2019.

12 (12) The board shall maintain the confidentiality of all information obtained
13 from the department of transportation under sub. (2) and may use this information
14 only for the purpose of carrying out its functions under sub. (1) and s. 6.34 (2m) and
15 (2n) and in accordance with the agreement under s. 85.61 (1).

16 **SECTION 4.** 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.275 (1) (b) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that
18 county who were ~~preregistered~~ registered or who confirmed their registration on the
19 deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1), including valid mail registrations which are
20 postmarked by that day and valid electronic registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5).

21 **SECTION 5.** 6.275 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.275 (1) (c) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that
23 county who ~~registered~~ or confirmed their registrations after the close of registration
24 and prior to the day of the primary or election under ss. 6.29 and 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

25 **SECTION 6.** 6.275 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.275 (1) (d) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that
2 county who registered or confirmed their registrations on the day of the primary or
3 election under ss. 6.55 and 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

4 **SECTION 7.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,
6 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.
7 on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s.
8 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later
9 than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic registration for an
10 election under s. 6.30 (5) shall close at midnight on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the
11 election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made
12 throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the
13 office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations
14 provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over
15 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,
16 village or town board in all other municipalities. Other registration locations may
17 include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions
18 of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,
19 savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall
20 be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the
21 board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An
22 elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at
23 the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

24 **SECTION 8.** 6.28 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.28 (4) AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. Any person shall be given an
2 opportunity to register to vote or to file a registration confirmation form under s.
3 6.256 (7) at the office of the county clerk for the county in which the person's residence
4 is located. An applicant for registration may complete the required registration form
5 under s. 6.33. Unless the county clerk performs registration functions for the
6 municipality where the elector resides under s. 6.33 (5) (b), the county clerk shall
7 forward ~~the~~ each form submitted by an elector to the appropriate municipal clerk,
8 or to the board of election commissioners in cities over 500,000 population within 5
9 days of receipt. The clerk shall forward the form immediately whenever registration
10 closes within 5 days of receipt.

11 **SECTION 9.** 6.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.29 (1) No names may be added to a registration list for any election after the
13 close of registration, except as authorized under this section or s. 6.55 (2) or 6.86 (3)
14 (a) 2. Any person whose name is not on the registration list but who is otherwise a
15 qualified elector and any elector whose name appears on the registration list but
16 whose registration has not been confirmed is entitled to vote at the election upon
17 compliance with this section, if the person complies with all other requirements for
18 voting at the polling place.

19 **SECTION 10.** 6.29 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.29 (2) (a) Any qualified elector of a municipality who has not previously filed
21 a registration form or whose name does not appear on the registration list of the
22 municipality may register and any elector whose name appears on the registration
23 list but whose registration has not been confirmed may confirm his or her
24 registration after the close of registration but not later than 5 p.m. or the close of
25 business, whichever is later, on the Friday before an election at the office of the

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1 municipal clerk and at the office of the clerk's agent if the clerk delegates
2 responsibility for electronic maintenance of the registration list to an agent under
3 s. 6.33 (5) (b). The An elector whose name does not appear on the registration list
4 shall complete, in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2), a registration form
5 containing all information required under s. 6.33 (1). The registration form shall also
6 contain the following certification: "I,, hereby certify that, to the best of my
7 knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for at least 28 consecutive
8 days immediately preceding this election, and I have not voted at this election". ~~The~~
9 An elector who registers or confirms his or her registration shall also provide proof
10 of residence under s. 6.34.

11 **SECTION 11.** 6.29 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.29 (2) (b) Upon the filing of the registration form or confirmation form
13 required by this section, the municipal clerk or clerk's agent under s. 6.33 (5) (b) shall
14 issue a certificate containing the name and address of the elector addressed to the
15 inspectors of the proper ward or election district directing that the elector be
16 permitted to cast his or her vote if the elector complies with all requirements for
17 voting at the polling place. The certificate shall be numbered serially, prepared in
18 duplicate and one copy preserved in the office of the municipal clerk.

19 **SECTION 12.** 6.29 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.29 (2) (d) The inspectors shall record the names of electors who present
21 certificates in person or for whom certificates are presented with absentee ballots
22 under this section on the list maintained under s. 6.56 (1). ~~These names shall then~~
23 ~~be added to the registration list if the electors are qualified.~~

24 **SECTION 13.** 6.29 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 6.29 (2) (e) The municipal clerk or clerk's agent shall promptly add the names
2 of qualified electors who register and vote under this section to the registration list.
3 The clerk or clerk's agent shall add the names of qualified electors who vote at their
4 polling places in the manner prescribed in s. 6.33 (5) (a).

5 **SECTION 14.** 6.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.30 (1) **IN PERSON.** An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as
7 provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

8 **SECTION 15.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.30 (5) **BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION.** Any eligible elector who holds a current
10 and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification
11 card issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by
12 the board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that
13 enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically.
14 The form shall contain an authorization for the board to obtain from the department
15 of transportation an electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature
16 shall constitute an affirmance that all information provided by the elector is correct
17 and shall have the same effect as if the applicant had signed the application
18 personally. Upon submittal of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from
19 the department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the applicant
20 and shall integrate the signature into the applicant's electronic application. The
21 board shall maintain the electronically integrated application on file together with
22 nonelectronic applications and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of election
23 commissioners of the municipality where the applicant resides of its receipt of each
24 completed application. The board shall also permit any elector who has a current and
25 valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid

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1 identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes in his or her registration
2 authorized under s. 6.40 (1) at the same Internet site that is used by electors for
3 original registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness
4 of any changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information
5 entered on an application for original registration.

6 **SECTION 16.** 6.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

7 **6.32 Verification of certain registrations.** (1) Upon receipt of a
8 registration form that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) or by electronic
9 application under s. 6.30 (5) or that is submitted by a special registration deputy
10 appointed under s. 6.26, the board or municipal clerk shall examine the form for
11 sufficiency.

12 (2) If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the board or clerk
13 knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the board
14 or clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that
15 the elector appear at the clerk's office or other another registration center location
16 to complete a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.

17 (3) If the form is submitted later than the close of registration, the board or
18 clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or she may register
19 at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or other location
20 designated under s. 6.55 (2).

21 (4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the board or clerk has
22 no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the
23 board or clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a
24 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward or and
25 aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall be

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1 sent within 10 days of receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or if
2 the board or clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified by the
3 elector, the board or clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from
4 eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal
5 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the board or clerk if the elector does
6 not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

7 **SECTION 17.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.33 (1) The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration
9 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information
10 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as provided in this
11 subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as nonelectronic
12 forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter registration
13 needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from each applicant information as to
14 name; date; residence location; location of previous residence immediately before
15 moving to current residence location; citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of
16 a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last
17 4 digits of the elector's social security account number; whether the applicant has
18 resided within the ward or election district for at least 28 the number of consecutive
19 days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony for
20 which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant is
21 incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the applicant
22 is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant is
23 currently registered to vote at any other location. The Except as provided in s. 6.30
24 (5), the form shall include a space for the applicant's signature. Below the space for
25 the signature, the form shall state "Falsification of information on this form is

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1 punishable under Wisconsin law as a Class I felony.”. The form shall include a space
2 to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or
3 inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and
4 a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name,
5 affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form.
6 The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district, if any,
7 where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the offices
8 and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The form shall also include
9 a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by
10 mail or by electronic application, a space where the clerk may record an indication
11 of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence
12 under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector’s information in lieu of proof of
13 residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and a space where the
14 clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card issued to the
15 person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number appearing on
16 the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration
17 forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the
18 county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

19 **SECTION 18.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward
21 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the
22 indication of whether the registration is received by mail or by electronic application,
23 the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under
24 s. 6.34 or the indication of verification of information in lieu of proof of residence
25 under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and any information relating to an applicant’s

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1 voting identification card shall be recorded by the clerk. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in
2 s. 6.30 (5), each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is
3 unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant
4 may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant
5 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the
6 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is
7 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

8 **SECTION 19.** 6.33 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.33 (5) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a
10 municipal clerk receives a valid registration or valid change of a name or address
11 under an existing registration or a change of information when a registration is
12 confirmed under s. 6.256 (7) and whenever a municipal clerk changes a person's
13 registration from eligible to ineligible status, the municipal clerk shall promptly
14 enter electronically on the list maintained by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the
15 information required under that subsection. Except as provided in par. (b) and this
16 paragraph, the municipal clerk may update any entries that change on the date of
17 an election other than a general election within 30 days after the date of that election,
18 and may update any entries that change on the date of a general election within 45
19 days after the date of that election. The legal counsel of the board may, upon request
20 of a municipal clerk, permit the clerk to update entries that change on the date of a
21 general election within 60 days after that election. The municipal clerk shall provide
22 to the board information that is confidential under s. 6.47 (2) in such manner as the
23 board prescribes.

24 **SECTION 20.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.34 (2) Upon completion of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33 or
2 registration confirmation form under s. 6.256 (7), each eligible elector who is
3 required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector,
4 and who registers or confirms his or her registration after the close of registration
5 under s. 6.29 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., or who registers at the office of the municipal clerk
6 when voting an absentee ballot in person, shall provide an identifying document that
7 establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). ~~Each~~ Except as authorized in subs. (2m)
8 and (2n), each eligible elector who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a
9 military elector or an overseas elector, who registers by mail or by electronic
10 application or who confirms a registration entered by the board, and who has not
11 voted in an election in this state shall, if voting in person, provide an identifying
12 document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3) or, if voting by absentee
13 ballot, provide a copy of an identifying document that establishes proof of residence
14 under sub. (3). If the elector registered by mail or by electronic application or the
15 elector is confirming a registration entered by the board, the identifying document
16 may not be a residential lease.

17 **SECTION 21.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

18 6.34 (2m) An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)
19 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of
20 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license
21 issued under ch. 343 together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board
22 is able to verify the information using the system maintained under sub. (4).

23 **SECTION 22.** 6.34 (2n) of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.34 (2n) If an elector who confirms a registration that has been entered by the
25 board under s. 6.256 (7) would otherwise be required to provide proof of residence

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1 under sub. (2) but provides, in lieu of proof of residence, the number of a current and
2 valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social
3 security account number together with the elector's name and date of birth, and the
4 board is able to verify the information electronically at the time of confirmation or
5 voting, the elector is not required to provide proof of residence.

6 **SECTION 23.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.34 (4) The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an
8 instant basis, information submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m) and
9 (2n), submitted by an elector who confirms a registration or who registers
10 electronically using the information maintained by the department of transportation
11 pursuant to the board's agreement with the secretary of transportation under s.
12 85.61 (1).

13 **SECTION 24.** 6.35 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.35 (1) (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election
15 commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following
16 ways, except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (1m) and (2):

17 **SECTION 25.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

18 6.35 (2) The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which
19 municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of
20 registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

21 **SECTION 26.** 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official
23 registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered
24 elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district
25 of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number

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1 assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector
2 under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account
3 number, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47
4 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the
5 elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), any information relating to the
6 elector that appears on the current list transmitted to the board by the department
7 of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m), an indication of any accommodation required
8 under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by the elector, an indication of the method by
9 which the elector's registration form was received, if any information in the elector's
10 registration was obtained by initiative of the board, whether the registration of the
11 individual has been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), and such other information as may
12 be determined by the board to facilitate administration of elector registration
13 requirements.

14 **SECTION 27.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), each registration list prepared for use
16 as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee ballots at an
17 election shall contain the full name and address of each registered elector; a blank
18 column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they vote or the poll
19 list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in canvassing
20 absentee ballots; an indication whether the registration of the elector has been
21 confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), if confirmation is required; an indication next to the
22 name of each elector for whom proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required; a space
23 for entry of the elector's signature, or if another person signed the elector's
24 registration form for the elector by reason of the elector's physical disability, the word
25 "exempt"; and a form of certificate bearing the certification of the administrator of

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1 the elections division of the board stating that the list is a true and complete
2 registration list of the municipality or the ward or wards for which the list is
3 prepared. The board shall, by rule, prescribe the space and location for entry of each
4 elector's signature on the poll list which shall provide for entry of the signature
5 without changing the orientation of the poll list from the orientation used by the
6 election officials.

7 **SECTION 28.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.36 (2) (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication
9 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted
10 to vote. Proof Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), proof of residence is
11 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector
12 registers by mail or by electronic application or has not confirmed his or her
13 registration under s. 6.256 (7) and has not previously voted in an election in this
14 state.

15 **SECTION 29.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.40 (1) (a) 1. Any registered elector may transfer registration after a change
17 of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk of the
18 municipality where the elector resides or by mailing to the municipal clerk a signed
19 request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be his or her
20 residence for ~~28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1) prior to the
21 election, and providing the address where he or she was last registered.
22 Alternatively, the elector may transfer his or her registration at the proper polling
23 place or other registration location under s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a),
24 or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under
25 ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued to the elector under s. 343.50,

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1 the elector may transfer his or her registration electronically under s. 6.30 (5). If an
2 elector is voting in the ward or election district where the elector formerly resided,
3 the change shall be effective for the next election.

4 **SECTION 30.** 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.40 (1) (c) *Name change.* Whenever an elector's name is legally changed,
6 including a change by marriage or divorce, the elector shall transfer his or her
7 registration to his or her legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the
8 municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name.
9 Alternatively, a registered elector may make notification of a name change at his or
10 her polling place under s. 6.55 (2) (d), or, if the elector has a current and valid
11 operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid
12 identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector may make notification of a
13 name change electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

14 **SECTION 31.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to
16 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29
17 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to
18 the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s.
19 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

20 **SECTION 32.** 6.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

21 **6.54 Failure to register; rights.** No name may be added to the registration
22 list after the close of registration, but any person whose name is not on the
23 registration list or whose registration has not been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), if
24 confirmation is required, but who is otherwise a qualified elector, is entitled to vote
25 at the election upon compliance with s. 6.29 or 6.55.

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1 **SECTION 33.** 6.55 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **6.55 (title) Polling place registration and registration confirmation;**
3 **voting by certification.**

4 **SECTION 34.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.55 (2) (a) 1. Except where the procedure under par. (c) or (cm) is employed,
6 any person who qualifies as an elector in the ward or election district where he or she
7 desires to vote, but has not previously filed a registration form, whose registration
8 appears on the registration list but has not been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7) or who
9 was registered at another location, may request permission to vote at the polling
10 place for that ward or election district, or at an alternate polling place assigned under
11 s. 5.25 (5) (b). When a proper request is made, the inspector shall require the person
12 to execute a registration form or confirmation form prescribed by the board. The
13 registration form shall be completed in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2) and
14 shall contain all information required under s. 6.33 (1), together with the following
15 certification:

16 “I,, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,
17 having resided at for at least 28 consecutive days immediately preceding this
18 election, and I have not voted at this election.”

19 **SECTION 35.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the a registration form or confirmation form under
21 par. (a), the elector shall provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. The signing by the
22 elector executing the registration form or confirmation form shall be in the presence
23 of the special registration deputy or inspector who shall then print his or her name
24 on and sign the form, indicating that the deputy or inspector has accepted the form.
25 Upon compliance with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her

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1 vote, if the elector complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling
2 place.

3 **SECTION 36.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration or confirmation of registration
5 under par. (a) at the a polling place under pars. (a) and (b), the board of election
6 commissioners, or the governing body of any municipality may by resolution require
7 a person who qualifies as an elector and who is not registered or confirmed and
8 desires to register or confirm his or her registration on the day of an election to do
9 so at another readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place
10 serving the elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25
11 (5) (b), instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case,
12 the municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the
13 polling place. An eligible elector who desires to register or confirm his or her
14 registration shall execute a registration form or confirmation form as prescribed
15 under par. (a) and provide proof of residence as provided under s. 6.34. The signing
16 by the person executing the registration form or confirmation form shall be in the
17 presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy. The
18 municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration deputy shall then print
19 his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk, deputy clerk, or deputy
20 has accepted the form. Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk,
21 deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall serially number the registration and
22 give one copy to the person for presentation at the polling place serving the person's
23 residence or an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

24 **SECTION 37.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for
2 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name
3 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m)
4 as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area
5 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that
6 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote or to confirm a
7 registration in accordance with s. 6.256 (7) under this subsection or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.,
8 the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list. If the name of
9 an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the inspectors or special
10 registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's agent that the elector
11 is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's agent maintains that the
12 elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or special registration
13 deputies shall permit the elector to register or to confirm his or her registration but
14 shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of
15 Corrections." If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to
16 vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

17 **SECTION 38.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.55 (2) (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides
19 at the same address, and has not ~~notified the municipal clerk~~ previously provided
20 notice of the change under s. 6.40 (1) (c), shall notify the inspector of the change
21 before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when
22 materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and
23 address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location
24 under pars. (a) and (b).

25 **SECTION 39.** 6.86 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.86 (3) (a) 1. Any elector who is registered and whose registration is confirmed,
2 whenever confirmation is required, and who is hospitalized, may apply for and
3 obtain an official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot for the
4 hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and
5 containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed
6 by that elector, unless the elector is unable to sign due to physical disability. In this
7 case, the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any
8 elector signing an application on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement
9 that the application is made on request and by authorization of the named elector,
10 who is unable to sign the application due to physical disability. The agent shall
11 present this statement along with all other information required under this
12 subdivision. Except as authorized for an elector who has a confidential listing under
13 s. 6.47 (2) or as authorized under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4., the agent shall present any proof
14 of identification required under sub. (1) (ar). The form shall include a space for the
15 municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating that the agent
16 presented proof of identification to the clerk on behalf of the elector.

17 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered or the elector's registration is not
18 confirmed, the elector may register or confirm his or her registration by agent under
19 this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an official ballot by
20 agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision, the agent shall
21 present a completed registration form that contains the required information
22 supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, ~~unless the elector is unable to sign~~
23 ~~due to physical disability.~~ In this case To confirm a registration under this
24 subdivision, the agent shall present a completed registration confirmation form
25 under s. 6.256 (7). If the elector is unable to sign either form due to physical

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1 disability, the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any
2 elector signing a form on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the
3 application or confirmation is made on request and by authorization of the named
4 elector, who is unable to sign the form due to physical disability. The agent shall
5 present this statement along with all other information required under this
6 subdivision. The agent shall provide proof of the elector's residence under s. 6.34.

7 **SECTION 40.** 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 or confirmation form under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the
10 municipal clerk not earlier than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m.
11 on the day of the election. A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under
12 par. (a) 1. shall be made by the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors
13 vote only once, and by absentee ballot. If Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n),
14 if the elector is registering for the election after the close of registration or if the
15 elector registered by mail or by electronic application or the elector confirmed his or
16 her registration after the close of registration and has not voted in an election in this
17 state, the municipal clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34
18 is required and the elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the
19 envelope with the ballot. The clerk shall verify that the name on any required proof
20 of identification presented by the agent conforms to the name on the elector's
21 application. The clerk shall then enter his or her initials on the carrier envelope
22 indicating that the agent presented proof of identification to the clerk. The agent is
23 not required to enter a signature on the registration list. The ballot shall be sealed
24 by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal
25 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent

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1 shall make personal delivery to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's
2 residence before the closing hour or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are
3 canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

4 **SECTION 41.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in sub. (2m) and s. 6.875, the elector
6 voting absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who
7 is an adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark
8 the ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector
9 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and
10 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper
11 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the
12 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the
13 proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document
14 enclosed by the elector under this subdivision does not constitute proof of residence
15 under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the
16 envelope. ~~Proof~~ Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), proof of residence is
17 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector
18 registered by mail or by electronic application or confirmed his or her registration
19 after the close of registration and has not voted in an election in this state. If the
20 elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail under
21 s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request which
22 bears an original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance under
23 sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a
24 candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to the
25 municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a location

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1 outside the United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot
2 qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused
3 ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast.
4 Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared
5 under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary which
6 is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the
7 elector for candidates in the primary.

8 **SECTION 42.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33
10 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms
11 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration
12 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the
13 board.

14 **SECTION 43.** 7.08 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

15 7.08 (1) (cm) Prescribe the form required by s. 6.30 (5). The form shall contain
16 a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting
17 through use of the form.

18 **SECTION 44.** 12.13 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 12.13 (1) (b) Falsely procures registration, confirms inaccurate registration
20 information, or makes false statements to the municipal clerk, board of election
21 commissioners or any other election official whether or not under oath.

22 **SECTION 45.** 12.13 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 12.13 (1) (c) Registers as an elector in more than one place for the same election
24 or confirms 2 or more simultaneous registrations to vote in the same election.

25 **SECTION 46.** 12.13 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 12.13 (1) (d) Impersonates a registered elector or a person whose unconfirmed
2 registration appears on the registration list or poses as another person for the
3 purpose of voting at an election.

4 **SECTION 47.** 12.13 (2) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 12.13 (2) (b) 3. Permit registration, confirmation of registration or receipt of a
6 vote from a person who the official knows is not a legally qualified elector or who has
7 refused after being challenged to make the oath or to properly answer the necessary
8 questions pertaining to the requisite requirements and residence; or put into the
9 ballot box a ballot other than the official's own or other one lawfully received.

10 **SECTION 48.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections
12 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to
13 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained
14 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1), the information specified
15 in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), and other information specified in s. 6.256 (2) with personally
16 identifiable information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and
17 vehicle registration records under ch. 341, notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1)
18 (eg), and 343.14 (2j), to the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation
19 and the administrator of the elections division of the government accountability
20 board to verify the accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter
21 registration. Notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j), but
22 subject to s. 343.14 (2p) (b) the agreement shall provide for the transfer of electronic
23 information under s. 6.256 (2) to the board on a continuous basis, no less often than
24 monthly.

25 **SECTION 49.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
2 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except
3 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
4 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
5 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the
6 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a
7 court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney,
8 law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

9 **SECTION 50.** 343.14 (2p) of the statutes is created to read:

10 343.14 **(2p)** (a) The forms for application for a license or identification card or
11 for renewal thereof shall inform the applicant of the department's duty to make
12 available to the government accountability board the information described in s.
13 6.256 (2) for the purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3) and shall provide the
14 applicant an opportunity to elect not to have this information made available for
15 these purposes.

16 (b) If the applicant elects not to have the information described in s. 6.256 (2)
17 made available for the purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3), the department shall
18 not make this information available for these purposes. This paragraph does not
19 preclude the department from making available to the government accountability
20 board information for the purposes specified in s. 6.34 (2m) or for any purpose other
21 than those specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3).

22 **SECTION 51. Nonstatutory provisions.**

23 (1) **PROGRESS REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION.** No later than the 20th day following
24 the end of each calendar quarter, the government accountability board and the
25 department of transportation shall each report to the appropriate standing

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1 committees of the legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the
2 statutes concerning its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration
3 system. The board and department shall continue to file reports under this
4 subsection until the board determines that implementation is complete and the
5 performance of the system is satisfactory.

6 (2) INITIAL SHARING OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Notwithstanding section
7 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by this act, and sections 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg),
8 and 343.14 (2j) of the statutes, the department of transportation shall enter into and
9 begin transferring information under a revised agreement with the administrator of
10 the elections division of the government accountability board pursuant to section
11 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by this act, no later than the first day of the 4th
12 month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

13 (3) REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION INTEGRATION. No later than July
14 1, 2015, the board shall report to the appropriate standing committees of the
15 legislature, in the manner specified in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes, concerning
16 its progress in initially implementing a system to ensure the complete and
17 continuous registration of all eligible electors in this state, specifically including the
18 operability and utility of information integration with the department of
19 transportation and the desirability and feasibility of integrating public information
20 maintained by other state agencies and by technical colleges with the board's
21 registration information to enhance the completeness and accuracy of the
22 information. At a minimum, the report shall contain an assessment of the feasibility
23 and desirability of the integration of registration information with information
24 maintained by the departments of health services, children and families, workforce
25 development, revenue, regulation and licensing, and natural resources, the

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1 University of Wisconsin System, and the technical college system board, as well as
2 the technical colleges within each technical college district.

3 (4) REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES MADE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

4 (a) Notwithstanding section 20.511 of the statutes and all provisions of this act,
5 the government accountability board shall not encumber or expend any amount of
6 money to implement or administer this act unless the legal counsel to the board first
7 notifies the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance in writing of the
8 proposed encumbrance or expenditure. If the cochairpersons do not notify the legal
9 counsel that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the
10 proposed expenditure within 14 working days after the date of the legal counsel's
11 notification, the board may encumber or expend the money as proposed. If, within
12 14 working days after the date of the legal counsel's notification, the cochairpersons
13 notify the legal counsel that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose
14 of reviewing the proposed encumbrance or expenditure, the board shall not make the
15 proposed encumbrance or expenditure unless the committee approves the proposed
16 encumbrance or expenditure or modifies and approves the proposed encumbrance or
17 expenditure. If the committee modifies and approves the proposed encumbrance or
18 expenditure, the board may make the proposed encumbrance or expenditure only as
19 modified by the committee.

20 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply after June 30, 2015.

21 (5) REQUIRED GENERAL FUND BALANCE. Section 20.003 (4) of the statutes does not
22 apply to the action of the legislature in enacting this act.

23 **SECTION 52. Fiscal changes.**

24 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
25 to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes,

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1 as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the first
2 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement
3 the provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for
4 the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1)
5 (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
6 \$-0- for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes
7 effect to implement the provisions of this act.

8 (2) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
9 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the statutes, as
10 affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the first fiscal
11 year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the
12 provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the
13 appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the
14 statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for
15 the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to
16 implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 53. Initial applicability.

17 (1) This act first applies with respect to registration for voting at the first spring
18 or partisan primary election that follows the effective date of this subsection by at
19 least 6 months.
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21 (END)