2013 SENATE BILL 377

October 29, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LAZICH and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives PRIDEMORE and WEININGER. Referred to Elections and Urban Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 6.275 (1) (intro.) and 6.275 (2); and *to create* 6.275 (1) (f) of

2 the statutes; **relating to:** reporting registration and voting statistics.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, within 30 days after each election at which a state or national office is filled or a statewide referendum is held, the municipal clerk must submit a written statement to the county clerk of each county in which the municipality is located specifying certain election–related statistics, such as the number of electors residing in the county who voted in the municipality, the number of electors who were registered to vote in advance of the election, and the number of electors who registered to vote on the day of the election. The county must provide one copy of the information it receives to the Government Accountability Board (GAB).

Under current law, after the municipal clerk receives a list of all persons who registered to vote on election day, the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners must make an audit of all electors who registered to vote at the polling place, unless the GAB notifies the clerk or board of election commissioners that it will conduct the audit. In order to conduct the audit, postcards are sent to electors to verify that the addresses they provided on election day are correct. If a postcard is returned undelivered; or the clerk, board of election commissioners, or GAB is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector that was apparently improper on election day; the clerk, board of election commissioners, or GAB must change the elector's status from eligible to ineligible on the registration list and provide the elector's name to the district attorney for the county where the polling place is located.

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Under this bill, in addition to the other election–related statistics that the municipal clerk must submit to the county, no later than 60 days after an election, the municipal clerk must provide the total number of postcards sent to electors to verify that the addresses they provided on election day are correct, the total number of such postcards returned as undeliverable, and the total number of electors whose status was changed from eligible to ineligible on the registration list as a result of the audit. The bill also requires the GAB to publish this information on its Internet site once it receives it from the county. In addition, if GAB performs the audit, GAB must publish on its Internet site the total number of postcards sent to electors, the total number of postcards returned as undeliverable, and the total number of electors whose status was changed from eligible to ineligible.

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

1   SECTION 1. 6.275 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2   6.275 **(1)** (intro.) ~~Within~~ Except as provided in par. (f), no later than 30 days

3   after each primary and election at which a state or national office is filled or a

4   statewide referendum is held, including any special election, the municipal clerk or

5   board of election commissioners shall make a written statement in duplicate to the

6   county clerk or board of election commissioners of each county in which the

7   municipality is located specifying:

8   SECTION 2. 6.275 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

9   6.275 **(1)** (f) The total number of postcards sent by the municipal clerk or board

10   of election commissioners under s. 6.56 (3), the total number of such postcards

11   returned to the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners because the

12   elector did not reside at the address given on the postcard, and the total number of

13   electors whose status was changed from eligible to ineligible on the registration list

14   as a result of the audit under s. 6.56 (3). The municipal clerk or board of election

15   commissioners shall provide the information described under this paragraph to the

16   county clerk or county board of election commissioners no later than 60 days after

1   each primary and election at which a state or national office is filled or a statewide

2   referendum is held, including any special election.

3   SECTION 3. 6.275 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4   6.275 **(2)** Upon receipt of each report filed under this section, the county clerk

5   or board of election commissioners shall forward one copy to the board within 7 days.

6   The board shall publish the information received under sub. (1) (f) on its Internet

7   site. If the board conducts the audit under s. 6.56 (3), it shall also publish on its

8   Internet site the total number of postcards sent under s. 6.56 (3), the number of such

9   postcards returned to the board because the elector did not reside at the address

10   given on the postcard, and the number of electors whose status was changed from

11   eligible to ineligible as a result of the audit under s. 6.56 (3).

12   **(END)**