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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 723

January 15, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives SANFELIPPO, BRANDTJEN, ALLEN, BORN, CRAIG, DUCHOW, GANNON, KREMER, J. OTT, RODRIGUEZ, SKOWRONSKI and WEATHERSTON, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, LEMAHIEU, LASEE, GUDEX, KAPENGA, STROEBEL, NASS and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.34 (3) (a) 3.; and **to create** 66.0438 of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** regulating the production and use of photo identification cards by local units
3 of government.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits towns and counties from issuing, or expending funds for the issuance of a photo identification card for any resident of the town or county, other than an employment-related identification card for employees of the town or county.

The bill also provides that an ID card issued by a city or village may not be used for voting, registration for voting, or to obtain public benefits, such as Wisconsin Works, including Wisconsin Shares; the food stamp program; the Medical Assistance program; and the programs that provide state supplemental payments to persons receiving federal supplemental security income. Under the bill, if a city or village issues an ID card, the card must state clearly on its face that the card is not authorized for voting purposes.

The bill specifies that any card issued by a city, village, town, or county that had been used as an identification document for proof of residence for voting registration may no longer be used for that purpose.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 6.34 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.34 (3) (a) 3. Any Subject to s. 66.0438, any other official identification card
3 or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.

4 **SECTION 2.** 66.0438 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **66.0438 Limitations on locally issued identification cards. (1)**

6 DEFINITION. In this section, “public assistance benefits” means services, benefits,
7 payments, or other assistance provided under a program administered by the
8 department of health services or the department of children and families under s.
9 253.06 or ch. 49.

10 **(2) TOWNS AND COUNTIES.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no town or county
11 may issue, or expend any funds for the issuance of, a photo identification card for any
12 resident of the town or county.

13 (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), a town or county may issue, or expend funds for
14 the issuance of, a photo identification card for any employee of the town or county
15 that relates to the employee’s job duties.

16 (c) If a town or county has issued an identification card, other than a card
17 described in par. (b), that has been used before the effective date of this paragraph
18 [LRB inserts date], as an identification document to establish proof of residence
19 under s. 6.34 (3) (a) 3., that card is not valid for such purposes on or after the effective
20 date of this paragraph [LRB inserts date].

21 **(3) CITIES AND VILLAGES.** (a) If a city or village issues, or expends funds for the
22 issuance of, a photo identification card for any resident of the city or village, the card
23 must state clearly on its face, in 12 point type, “Not authorized for voting purposes.”

24 (b) A photo identification card issued by, or at the direction of, a city or village,
25 as described under par. (a), may not be used for any of the following purposes:

