



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 630

December 18, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives KESTELL, KERKMAN, TOWNSEND, SUDER, KNODL, VAN ROY, VOS, MURTHA, GUNDERSON, A. OTT, BROOKS, J. OTT, HONADEL, ZIEGELBAUER, LOTHIAN, BALLWEG and LEMAHIEU, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, LEIBHAM, GROTHMAN, OLSEN and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 7.08 (12) of the statutes; **relating to:** enforcement of the
2 citizenship qualification for voting in elections in this state.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, one of the qualifications prerequisite to voting in elections in this state is U.S. citizenship. Currently, all individuals but certain military electors, as defined by law, must register before voting. In order to register, an applicant must affirm that he or she is a U.S. citizen. Violators are guilty of a Class I felony and are subject to imprisonment for not more than three years and six months or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both.

This bill directs the Government Accountability Board to prescribe, by rule, procedures to ensure that the requirement for electors to be U.S. citizens is strictly observed.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 7.08 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

