



2021 SENATE BILL 730

November 30, 2021 - Introduced by Senator JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives RAMTHUN, ALLEN, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, CABRAL-GUEVARA, GUNDRUM, HORLACHER, MURPHY and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal** 6.50 (4); and **to create** 6.50 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 removal of deceased individuals from the official voter registration list and
3 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to change the registration of deceased voters from eligible to ineligible status by means of checking vital statistics reports, which the state registrar publishes annually.

This bill eliminates that requirement and requires that the Elections Commission to do all of the following at least monthly:

1. Seek and obtain the most recent records of all deaths of residents of Wisconsin.
2. Compare the death records with the official voter registration list maintained by the commission.
3. Upon making that comparison, for each voter whose first and last name, address, and date of birth are found on a death record, remove the elector from the registration list and maintain a record of the commission's action.

Additionally, for each elector who currently appears on the registration list as ineligible because he or she is deceased, the Elections Commission must remove the elector from the registration list and maintain a record of the commission's action.

Finally, under current law, criminal penalties are provided for election officials who commit certain specified kinds of election fraud. Otherwise, the willful neglect or refusal of an election official to perform a duty prescribed under the election laws

