



2011 SENATE BILL 553

March 6, 2012 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, TAYLOR, C. LARSON, ERPENBACH, LASEE, VINEHOUT and S. COGGS, cosponsored by Representatives TURNER, SINICKI, ROYS, VRUWINK, STEINBRINK, YOUNG, HULSEY, GRIGSBY, TOLES, RINGHAND, MILROY, HEBL, BERCEAU, STASKUNAS, PETRYK, POPE-ROBERTS, C. TAYLOR, CLARK, SPANBAUER and POCAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of veterans
2 identification cards as proof of identification for voting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, an individual who votes in an election must present proof of identification in order to vote. The proof may consist of one of a number of documents specified by law that contains the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, which name conforms to the individual's voter registration, if the individual is registered to vote, and with limited exceptions, that contains a photograph of the individual. With certain exceptions, an individual who casts an absentee ballot by mail must enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification with his or her absentee ballot application.

This bill permits a veterans identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as proof of identification if the card contains the name of the person to whom it is issued and a photograph of the individual.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
4 5.02 (**6m**) (g) A veterans identification card issued by the veterans health
5 administration of the U. S. department of veterans affairs.

