



2005 SENATE BILL 635

February 27, 2006 - Introduced by Senator REYNOLDS. Referred to Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.925, 7.41 (3) (a) and 7.41 (3) (b); and **to create** 7.41 (2m) and
2 7.41 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the privileges of observers at elections
3 and the procedure for challenging the qualifications of persons offering to vote.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, any person except a candidate has the right to observe the public aspects of voting at a polling place. The chief inspector (head election official) may order the removal of any individual who disrupts the operation of a polling place or engages in electioneering. This bill prohibits any individual who observes the proceedings at a polling place from handling any election materials used in the voting process or wearing any clothing or insignia that indicates or infers that the individual has the status of an election official. The bill permits the chief inspector to order the removal of any individual who violates the prohibition.

Currently, any elector may challenge for cause the qualifications of any person who offers to vote in an election. The challenge may be presented to any inspector (election official). This bill directs a challenging elector to present his or her challenge, together with the reasons therefor, to the chief inspector.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 6.925 of the statutes is amended to read:

