



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 481

January 19, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, STRACHOTA, BERNIER, JACQUE, KESTELL, NYGREN, WEININGER, STROEBEL, MARKLEIN and LEMAHIEU, cosponsored by Senators LAZICH, GROTHMAN and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Election and Campaign Reform.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal** 6.28 (2); and **to amend** 6.28 (1) and 17.29 of the statutes;
- 2 **relating to:** voter registration at high schools and certain tribal schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, public high schools are used for the registration of students and staff who are qualified electors. The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality where a public high school is located must agree with the school board of the school district operating that school upon the appointment of at least one person to serve as a special registration deputy for the purpose of registering students and staff at that school. In addition, the principal of any private high school or of any tribal school that operates high school grades may request the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the school is located to establish registration dates or to appoint a special registration deputy for the purpose of registering students at that school. The clerk or board must establish registration dates or appoint a special registration deputy if the clerk or board determines that the high school or tribal school has a substantial number of students residing in the municipality.

This bill deletes the requirement and procedures for registration of students and staff at public high schools and the requirement and procedures for registration of students at private schools and tribal schools that operate high school grades if the schools have a substantial number of students residing in a particular municipality.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE.** Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,
3 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.
4 on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s.
5 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later
6 than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. All applications for registration
7 corrections and additions may be made throughout the year at the office of the city
8 board of election commissioners, at the office of the municipal clerk, at the office of
9 the county clerk, or at other locations provided by the board of election
10 commissioners or the common council in cities over 500,000 population or by either
11 or both the municipal clerk, or the common council, village or town board in all other
12 municipalities and ~~may also be made during the school year at any high school by~~
13 ~~qualified persons under sub. (2) (a).~~ Other registration locations may include but are
14 not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions of higher
15 education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks, savings
16 and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall be
17 appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the board
18 of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An elector
19 who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at the office
20 of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

21 **SECTION 2.** 6.28 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 3.** 17.29 of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **17.29 Effect of chapter.** The provisions of this chapter supersede all contrary
24 provisions in either the general law or in special acts, except ss. 6.26 (2) (b), ~~6.28 (2)~~
25 ~~(b)~~, 6.55 (6), 6.875, and 7.30 relating to appointed election officials and ch. 321

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1 relating to the military staff of the governor and to officers of the Wisconsin national
2 guard or state defense force; and shall govern all offices whether created by general
3 law or special act, unless otherwise specially provided.

4 (END)