



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 442

June 13, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, DUFF, LA FAVE, LORGE, KRUG, GROBSCHMIDT, RILEY, BLACK, WILDER and BALDWIN, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 15.04 (1) (h) and 15.04 (1) (j) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 use of the term “multiracial” on state forms.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the records and forms officer of each state department and independent agency to review each record and form to determine if that record or form requires a person who completes the form to identify the race of an individual. If the record or form does require race identification, the records and forms officer is required to modify the record or form to include the ability for the race identification to be “multiracial” for those individuals who wish to indicate that they have parents of different races.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.04 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 15.04 (1) (h) *Report of forms and papers used.* Annually, no later than
5 September 1, file with the public records and forms board a report which shall
6 include such information relative to records and forms management as may be
7 specified by the board. The report shall cover all previously unsubmitted forms and
8 papers that were required to be filed with the department or independent agency

1 during the preceding fiscal year. The report shall include a listing of all such records
2 and forms used by the agency that require the person completing the documents to
3 identify the race of an individual and do not include the ability for the race
4 identification to be multiracial and the reason why the documents do not include that
5 ability.

6 **SECTION 2.** 15.04 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 15.04 (1) (j) *Records and forms officer.* Appoint a records and forms officer, who
8 shall be responsible for reviewing, consolidating, simplifying, designing and filing all
9 records and forms and who may prevent any form from being put into use. The
10 records and forms officer shall review each record and form to determine if that
11 record or form requires a person who completes the form to identify the race of an
12 individual. The records and forms officer shall revise every record and form that
13 requires the identification of the race of an individual when the record or form is
14 reprinted to include the ability for the race identification to be “multiracial” for those
15 individuals who choose to indicate that they have parents of different races. If the
16 record or form is electronic, the records and forms officer shall revise the record or
17 form immediately to include the ability for the race identification to be “multiracial”
18 for those individuals who choose to indicate that they have parents of different races.
19 If the record or form includes a listing of specific races to be checked, circled or
20 otherwise selected, the term “multiracial” shall be added to the list of races that may
21 be selected. Instructions for completing any record or form that requires a person
22 who completes the record or form to identify the race of an individual shall inform
23 the person that he or she may indicate “multiracial” as his or her choice and that a
24 multiracial individual is an individual who has parents of different races.

25 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

