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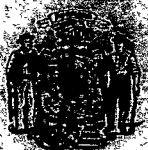
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Mark D. Gundrum

April 26, 1999

Dear Richard Roe:

Representative Gundrum would like to have a bill drafted related to 5.15(6)(b), Wisconsin Statutes.

He would like to see the reporting requirement changed to 50,000 rather than the current 35,000 limit. Attached is a letter from a constituent of ours that is directly affected by these laws. Mr. Bowers is the City Clerk of New Berlin.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call us at 267-5158.

Sincerely,

Jolene Rose Churchill
Legislative Assistant

*P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708
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Churchill, Jolene

From: Bill Bowers [bbowers@newberlin.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 1999 3:33 PM
To: Sen.Lazich
Cc: Rep.Duff; Sen.Farrow; Rep.Gundrum
Subject: Election Laws

Hi Mary - Thanks for the update on absentee voting. We are making progress...

More important to New Berlin is the requirement that at 35,000 population we must start reporting all vote totals by ward. The committee I served on recommended that number be raised to 50,000.

Here is the background:

Under 35,000 population I can combine wards for reporting purposes so long as there are no differences in County, State, or Federal offices. This means that I can combine wards 12,13,14,and 15 (Aldermanic District 4) this spring as the only difference on those ballots is the school district.

Combining wards makes the election easier to administer and much cheaper to run. If I no longer can combine wards, I would have to run 4 lines in district 4 (One for ward 12, one for ward 13, one for ward 14, and one for ward 15). This would also require different ballots as the Mark Sense computer would have to keep track of 4 sets of totals. The only way to do this is to make the ballots different (we use header codes to do this). I will need more ballots because I cannot share among other wards...

Additionally I will need more poll workers. I can run an election in District 4 this spring with 5 workers. I run one line and only need 2 people on books. With 4 lines I need 8 people on books for a total of 11 people. We have 7 districts and 25 wards. Instead of 7 lines, I'll need 25. At \$80 per day the extra poll workers will be expensive.

Finally, I'll probably need more computers to do this. Last I heard only 3 wards could be run through the machine at large elections. The machines are \$10,000 each. I will probably need 7 or need to spend \$70,000 just in hardware to report all totals by ward.

For these reasons (extra ballot cost, extra poll worker cost, more computers) I don't want to have to report by ward, especially since voters are not used to getting into multiple lines, but I can always overcome that...

Please do what you can to raise the population for ward reporting to 50,000. The state statute that deals with this is 5.15(6)(b). You will notice that it was 50,000 and on January 1, 1996 went back to 35,000. Brookfield could not do the ward reporting with their system so the State changed the law to 50,000 until they could comply. Except for this one exception it has always been 35,000.

Thanks for listening (reading) and anything you can do to help would be most appreciated.

If you need more information let me know.

Bill

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

Under current law, a municipality with a population of 1,000 or more generally must be divided into wards and must report election returns by ward. However,

1 AN ACT ^{general} relating to: election returns ^{for} combined ~~municipal~~ voting wards, ^{in municipalities}

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau ^{two}

^u Under current law, a municipality may combine ^{two} 2 or more voting wards in order to facilitate the use of a common polling place. Every municipality with a population of 35,000 or more must maintain separate election returns for each combined ward. Under this bill, only a municipality with a population of 50,000 or more must maintain separate election returns for each combined ward.

For further information see the *local* 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:

2 SECTION 1. 5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 **5.15 (6)** (b) No later than 60 days before each September primary and general
4 election, and no later than 30 days before each other election the governing body of
5 any municipality may by resolution combine 2 or more wards for voting purposes to
6 facilitate using a common polling place. Whenever wards are so combined, the
7 original ward numbers shall continue to be utilized for all official purposes. **Except**

1 as otherwise authorized under this paragraph, every municipality having a
2 population of 50,000 or more, ~~or 35,000 or more after June 1, 1996~~, shall maintain
3 separate returns for each ward so combined. In municipalities having a population
4 of less than 50,000, ~~or less than 35,000 after June 1, 1996~~, the governing body may
5 provide in the resolution that returns shall be maintained only for each group of
6 combined wards at any election. ~~In municip[REDACTED] having a population as shown in
7 the 1990 federal decennial census of at least 87,000 but not more than 150,000, the
8 governing body may provide in a resolution adopted prior to June 1, 1996 that groups
9 of not more than 2 wards shall use common ballot boxes and ballots or voting
10 machines and that returns shall be maintained only for each group of combined
11 wards at any election held prior to June 1, 1996.~~ Whenever a governing body
12 provides for common ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, separate returns
13 shall be maintained for each separate ballot required under ss. 5.62 and 5.64 at the
14 September primary and general election. The municipal clerk shall transmit a copy
15 of the resolution to the county clerk of each county in which the municipality is
16 contained. In municipalities having a population of less than 50,000, ~~or less than
17 35,000 after June 1, 1996~~, the resolution shall remain in effect for each election until
18 modified or rescinded, or until a new division is made under this section.

19 SECTION 2. **Initial applicability.**

20 (1) This act first applies to returns for elections held on the effective date of this
21 subsection. ✓

22 (END)

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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mark -- sorry*

Attached, please find the bill you requested regarding the recording of election returns in voting wards combined by a municipality. I have eliminated an obsolete portion of s. 5.15 (6) (b), stats., that only applies to elections held before June 1, 1996. Please let me know if you do not approve of this additional change.

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**SUBMITTAL
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 5/4/99

To: Representative Gundrum

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-2978

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction _____

in the **Senate** or the **Assembly** (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT**. See the changes indicated or attached _____

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction (yes - if possible) _____

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

Robert J. Marchant, Legislative Attorney
Telephone: (608) 261-4454

*Gene Churchill
(Rep. Gundrum)*