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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~
SENATE AMENDMENT,

DNOTE

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 700



1 At the locations indicated, amend the engrossed bill as follows:

2 1. Page 34, line 15: delete lines 15 to 19 and substitute:

3 "SECTION 65m. 6.22 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4 6.22 (2) (b) Notwithstanding s. 6.87 (4), a military elector shall make and
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8 certification".

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10 with "certificate-affidavit" on line 11 and substitute "affidavit".

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2 subscribing or swearing before any person authorized to administer oaths or 2 adult
3 U.S. citizens Notwithstanding s. 6.87 (4), an overseas elector shall make and
4 subscribe to the special certificate form before a witness who is an adult U.S.
5 citizen. ✓

6 **5.** Page 38, line 6: after that line insert: ✓

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8 6.24 (7) VOTING PROCEDURE. Except as authorized under s. 6.25, the ballot shall
9 be marked or punched and returned, deposited and recorded in the same manner as
10 other absentee ballots. In addition, the ~~certificate-affidavit~~ certificate shall have a
11 statement of the elector's birth date. Failure to return the unused ballots in a
12 primary election does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector casts his or her
13 votes." ✓

14 **6.** Page 44, line 1: delete "notarize the affidavit" and substitute "notarize the
15 affidavit witness the voting procedure". ✓

16 **7.** Page 44, line 24: delete the material beginning with that line and ending
17 with page 45, line 5 ✓ and substitute: ✓

18 **SECTION 95p.** 6.87 (2) of the statutes is amended to read: ✓

19 6.87 (2) The Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk shall
20 place the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The envelope shall
21 have the name, official title and post-office address of the clerk upon its face. The
22 other side of the envelope shall have a printed ~~certificate-affidavit~~ certificate in
23 substantially the following form: ✓

24 [STATE OF

1 County of]

2 or

3 [(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

4 I, ..., ~~(certify)~~ ~~(do solemnly swear)~~ subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis.
5 Stats., for false statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village)
6 of ..., or of the ... aldermanic district in the city of ..., residing at ... in said city, the
7 county of ..., state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election
8 district) at the election to be held on ...; that I am not voting at any other location
9 in this election; that I ~~cannot~~ am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place
10 in the (ward) (election district) on election day ~~because I expect to be absent from the~~
11 ~~municipality or because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, religious~~
12 ~~reasons, jury duty, service as an election official, or because I have changed my~~
13 ~~residence within the state from one ward or election district to another within 10~~
14 ~~days before the election.~~ I ~~(certify)~~ ~~(swear)~~ that I exhibited the enclosed ballot
15 unmarked to the ~~(2 witnesses)~~ ~~(person administering the oath)~~ witness, that I then
16 in ~~(their)~~ (his) (her) presence and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot
17 and enclosed and sealed the same in this envelope in such a manner that no one but
18 myself and any person rendering assistance under s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I
19 requested assistance, could know how I voted.

20 Signed

21 The ~~(2 witnesses)~~ ~~(person administering the oath)~~ witness shall execute either
22 of the following as appropriate:

23 We I, the undersigned ~~witnesses~~ witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1)
24 (b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, certify that the above statements are true and
25 the voting procedure was executed as there stated. ~~Neither of us is~~ I am not a

1 candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent
2 municipal clerk). ~~The elector was not solicited or advised by us~~ I did not solicit or
3 advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure.

4(Name)

5(Address)

6(Name)

7(Address)

8 ~~Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, A.D.,, and I hereby~~
9 ~~certify that I am not a candidate on the ballot upon which the affiant voted (unless~~
10 ~~I am an incumbent municipal clerk), that the voting procedure above was executed~~
11 ~~as therein stated, and that the affiant was not solicited or advised by me to vote for~~
12 ~~or against any candidate or measure.~~

13(Name)

14(Title) ✓

15(State or nation)".

16 **8.** Page 45, line 23: delete "certificate-affidavit" and substitute "certificate". ✓

17 **9.** Page 46, line 1: delete "affidavit or the". ✓

18 **10.** Page 46, line 3: delete "certificate-affidavit" and substitute "certificate". ✓

19 **11.** Page 46, line 7: delete the material beginning with that line and ending
20 page 47, line 2, and substitute:

21 "SECTION 98p. 6.87 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee
23 shall ~~either make and subscribe to the affidavit before a person authorized to~~
24 ~~administer oaths or~~ make and subscribe to the certification before 2-witnesses one

1 witness. The absent elector, in the presence of the ~~administrator of the oath or~~
 2 ~~witnesses~~ witness, shall mark or punch the ballot in a manner that will not disclose
 3 how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then, still in the presence of the
 4 ~~administrator of the oath or the 2 witnesses~~ witness, fold the ballots if they are paper
 5 ballots so each is separate and so that the elector conceals the markings ~~or punches~~ ^{strike}
 6 thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope, ~~but~~. If a consolidated ~~ballot~~
 7 ~~under s. 5.655 in a ballot prepared for use with an electronic voting system~~ is used,
 8 the elector shall fold the ballot ^{if it is a paper ballot} ~~so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and~~
 9 deposit the ballot in the proper envelope. The elector may receive assistance under
 10 sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The ~~witnesses or the official oath~~
 11 ~~administrator~~ witness may not be a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the
 12 elector, postage prepaid, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk issuing the
 13 ballot or ballots. Failure to return an unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate
 14 the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return of more than one marked or
 15 punched ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot
 16 used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked or punched for
 17 candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for
 18 candidates in the primary.

19 **SECTION 99m.** 6.87 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.87 (7) No individual who is a candidate at the election in which absentee
 21 ballots are cast may ~~administer the oath or~~ serve as a witness. Any candidate who
 22 ~~administers the oath or~~ serves as a witness shall be penalized by the discounting of
 23 a number of votes for his or her candidacy equal to the number of ~~certificate-affidavit~~
 24 certificate envelopes bearing his or her signature.

25 **SECTION 100m.** 6.87 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.87 (8) The provisions of this section which prohibit candidates from assisting
2 ~~or administering the oath to~~ serving as a witness for absentee electors shall not apply
3 to the municipal clerk in the performance of the clerk's official duties.

4 **SECTION 101m.** 6.87 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (9) If a municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot with an improperly
6 completed ~~certificate–affidavit~~ certificate or with no ~~certificate–affidavit~~ certificate,
7 the clerk may return the ballot to the elector, inside the sealed envelope when an
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9 permits the elector to correct the defect and return the ballot within the period
10 prescribed in sub. (6).”.

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22 properly executed, the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district,
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4 unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95, the inspectors shall
5 verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. The inspectors shall
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14 of an elector who casts an absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or electronic mail
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22 statement of the ward or election district and date of the election, signed by the chief
23 inspector and one of the inspectors representing each of the 2 major political parties
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25 the election."

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Clausing: ↓

This amendment restores the treatment from the original bill, deleting the requirement that an elector voting absentee must complete a certification before two witnesses or swear an affidavit. In ^{stead}, under the amendment, the elector must complete a certification before one witness. For any overseas or military elector this witness must be an adult U.S. citizen.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rob Marchant
From: Bill Wenzel
Re: Re-draft LRBA1528
Date: March 2, 2000

Bob Conlin indicated that you needed the "stripes" back in order to make a technical correction to this amendment. Here you go.

Thanks.

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9 in the (ward) (election district) on election day ^[plain text] because I expect to be absent from the

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23 inspector and one of the inspectors representing each of the 2 major political parties
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25 the election."

1 **17.** Page 60, line 24: after that line insert:

2 “SECTION 128m. 7.51 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 7.51 (3) (d) All absentee ~~certificate-affidavit~~ certificate envelopes which have
4 been opened shall be returned by the inspectors to the municipal clerk in a securely
5 sealed carrier envelope which is clearly marked “used absentee ~~certificate-affidavit~~
6 certificate envelopes”. The envelopes shall be signed by the chief inspector and 2
7 other inspectors. Except when the ballots are used in a municipal or school district
8 election only, the municipal clerk shall transmit the used envelopes to the county
9 clerk.”

10 **18.** Page 81, line 15: delete lines 15 to 24 and substitute:

11 “SECTION 166p. 9.01 (1) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 9.01 (1) (b) 2. The board of canvassers shall then examine the absentee ballot
13 envelopes. Any defective absentee ballot envelopes shall be laid aside, properly
14 marked and carefully preserved. The number of voters shall be reduced by the
15 number of ballot envelopes set aside under this subdivision. An absentee ballot
16 envelope is defective only if it is ~~neither sworn nor~~ not witnessed, or if it is not signed
17 by the voter or if the ~~affidavit supporting the absentee ballot envelope has such a~~
18 ~~number of technical errors that the board of canvassers is doubtful of the legal effect~~
19 of the affidavit certificate accompanying an absentee ballot that ~~was signed~~ by
20 facsimile transmission or electronic mail is missing.”.

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