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DATE: 1/04/2050

BILL NO. AB 343

OR
SUBJECT _____

Andrew Cook
(NAME)

Room 107 West wing
(Street Address or Route Number)

State Capitol
(City and Zip Code)

Rep. Rob Kreibitz
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

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but not speaking:

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JOE PARIS-Dense Co. Clerk
(NAME)

210 W. W. Dr. Bldg # 112
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON 53704
(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

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Cheri Dubiel
(NAME)

600 Williamson St. Suite 102
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON, WI 53704
(City and Zip Code)

WI Coalition Against Sex. Assault
(Representing)

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OF
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Sen Burke
(NAME)

(Street Address or Route Number)

Milwaukee
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3rd Sen Dist
(Representing)

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OF
SUBJECT Poll Lists

and Victims of Domestic Abuse.
Kim Plache
(NAME)

2614 17th St.
(Street Address or Route Number)

RACINE WI
(City and Zip Code)
21st Senate District.
(Representing)

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JoAnna Richard
(NAME)
123 W. Washington
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison WI 53703
(City and Zip Code)
Attorney General's Office
(Representing)

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BILL NO. Assembly Bill 343
OF _____
SUBJECT Vota Privacy

Jennifer Senick
(NAME)
606 Williamson St. Suite N-2
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison WI 53703
(City and Zip Code)
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
(Representing)

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To: Members, Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations

From: Senator Bob Wirch, Chair

Date: January 12, 2000

Re: Paper Ballot

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- Dr. Terry Richard**
- Edward Gleason**
- Rick Rettler**

Aye No

Moved by Senator Wirch, that Assembly Bill 343 be recommended for concurrence.

Aye No

Moved by Senator Wirch, that Assembly Bill 363 be recommended for concurrence.

Aye No

Moved by Senator Wirch, that Assembly Bill 386 be recommended for concurrence.

Aye No

-more-

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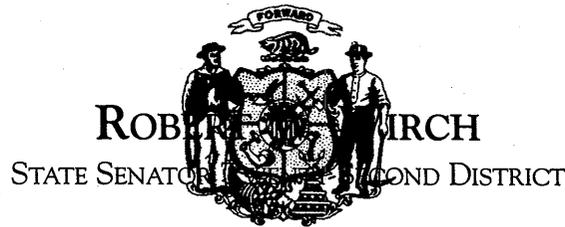
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Aye X No

Moved by Senator Wirch, that **Senate Bill 8** be recommended for passage.

Aye X No

Signature: Mary F. Oprea



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Aye ✓ No _____

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~~Aye ✓ No _____~~

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Signature:

Bob Anderson



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Signature: *Dorinda Lynn Moore*


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Signature: _____

David A. Zelen
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Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

**Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Housing and Government Operations**

Testimony on AB 343

--January 4, 2000--

Good Morning Chairperson Wirch and other members of the committee. My name is Cheri Dubiel and I am the Policy Specialist for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA). WCASA is a statewide coalition of individuals, agencies, and organizations, including 36 community based sexual assault service providers, working to end sexual violence in Wisconsin. I am here to today to testify in favor of AB 343.

AB 343 will provide sexual assault victims with a sense of security that would allow them to take part in exercising their most basic rights as American citizens--the right to vote. This legislation shows compassion and insight into the very real fear victims of sexual assault feel following an attack. Being the victim of a sexual assault, perpetrated by either a stranger or an acquaintance, shatters the victim's sense of invulnerability to harm and causes her or him to lose the sense of safety and stability that the rest of us take for granted. Victims of sexual assault often withdraw from normal social and civic activities out of fear.

It is common knowledge that voter addresses are public information and can be accessed by a trip to the County Clerk's office. It is valid for victims of sexual assault to fear their perpetrators taking this simple step to obtain information that would allow them

to locate their victim again. Abusers and rapists often will go to even more extreme lengths to exercise control over their victims.

Under this proposal, a sexual assault or domestic abuse victim is eligible to have her or his name listed confidentially on poll and voter registration lists by presenting a affidavit or "protective order" from a police chief or sheriff. In the original version of the bill, the definition of protective order included only domestic abuse restraining orders (s. 813.12). Assembly Amendment 3 strengthens the bill by including harassment restraining orders and injunctions (s. 813.125) in the definition of "protective order," making this legislation even more applicable to sexual assault victims.

According to the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, an estimated 6056 sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement in Wisconsin in 1998. It also has been estimated that 93% of all rapes and sexual assaults in Wisconsin were committed by offenders who were previously known to the victim. It is clear that this bill would affect thousands of Wisconsin citizens and potential voters.

This legislation sends a clear message to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin that our government cares about crime victims and will take an extra step to protect their most basic rights. This legislation will give victims of violent crime the safety and security to allow them to take part in an activity that is core to the identity we have as American citizens.

WCASA strongly supports AB 343 and we feel that the speedy and unanimous passage of the bill through the Assembly shows that this is an issue people care about. We encourage the committee to pass this legislation, as well.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 20, 1999

TO: SENATOR ROBERT WIRCH, CHAIRPERSON, SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

FROM: Dan Fernbach, Senior Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: 1999 Assembly Bill 343, Relating to Authorization for Electors Who Are Victims of Domestic Abuse to be Listed Confidentially on Poll and Registration Lists and Providing Penalties

1999 Assembly Bill 343 was introduced by Representative Kreibich, cosponsored by Senator Plache, on May 17, 1999. On September 29, 1999, the bill, as amended by Assembly Amendments 1 to 3, was passed by the Assembly by a vote of Ayes, 97; Noes, 0. A Senate hearing on the bill has been scheduled for January 4, 2000.

A. PRESENT LAW

Currently, under ch. 6, Stats., the names of citizens who register to vote in municipalities where voter registration is required, as well as the names and addresses of all persons voting in an election, are accessible to the public. In addition, voters must orally disclose their names and addresses when they arrive at the polls to vote, which are then recorded on poll and registration lists. Observers at the polls may inspect the lists of names and addresses of registered and actual voters.

B. PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 343

Assembly Bill 343, as amended by Assembly Amendments 1, 2 and 3, would permit certain electors to vote and register to vote on a confidential basis. Specifically, to be eligible to register and vote confidentially, an elector must be:

1. The recipient of a protective court order that restrains another person from having contact with the elector due to prior domestic abuse or harassment;

2. The resident of an organized shelter for persons whose personal security is threatened by another; or

3. The recipient of an affidavit, signed by a sheriff or police chief and filed with the municipal clerk, verifying that the elector has been the victim of an offense related to domestic abuse and continues to be threatened by a person who has been charged with or convicted of such an offense, e.g., sexual assault or exploitation, battery, stalking or harassment.

Under the bill, a municipal clerk may still provide access to a confidential name and address to:

1. Law enforcement officers for official purposes;
2. Other state and local officials who by law must receive such information;
3. Any person entitled to such information by court order;
4. A clerk of circuit court for jury selection purposes; or
5. Third parties, at the request of the protected elector, in order to permit the elector to sign certain petitions.

Under the bill, a municipal clerk may issue to each protected elector an identification card with a unique number issued by the Elections Board which may be given to poll workers in lieu of the elector's name and address. Alternatively, in municipalities where voter registration is required, the protected elector may provide his or her name and identification card number at the polls in lieu of an address. However, an elector who seeks a confidential listing must initially register to vote with the municipal clerk rather than at polling places, schools, libraries and other permitted locations.

Under the bill, a confidential listing would expire whenever:

1. A protective court order expires;
2. A protected elector ceases to be a resident of a shelter; or
3. A municipal clerk is notified by authorities that a domestic abuse case or charge has been vacated or dropped *or* two years after the creation of the confidential listing, whichever occurs first.

If necessary, a confidential listing may be renewed in the same manner as provided for creation of an original listing.

Polling place observers (poll watchers) and other members of the public may not view the name or address of any protected elector on any poll or registration list. However, upon request, poll workers must disclose the existence of any confidential list of electors, the number of such electors appearing on the list and the number who have actually voted.

Finally, the bill prohibits election officials and others receiving confidential information from disclosing that information to unauthorized persons; and further prohibits individuals from providing false information for the purpose of obtaining a confidential listing. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fines of up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to six months, or both, for each offense.

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Senator Robert Wirch
310 South Wing, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Wirch:

I am respectfully requesting that a hearing be held for Assembly Bill 343 relating to, authorization for electors who are victims of domestic abuse to be listed confidentially on poll and registration lists and providing penalties. This bill has received overwhelming bipartisan support and passed 97 - 0 in the Assembly.

AB 343 has also received wide support from many concerned groups. Most notably, County Clerks throughout Wisconsin have voiced support for this measure. Other notable groups supporting the measure include the Wisconsin Elections Board, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the Crime Victims Services Department of Justice.

If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Kreibich".

ROB KREIBICH
State Representative
93rd Assembly District