

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 188

March 8, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives POWERS, OLSEN, ALBERS and FREESE. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 8.25 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the method of selecting
2 presidential electors.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the political parties and the independent and write-in candidates for president and vice president nominate one presidential elector from each congressional district and two electors from the state at large. At the election for president and vice president, a vote for a particular candidate is a vote for that candidate's presidential electors. Currently, the presidential electors are elected on a statewide basis.

Under this bill, each slate of candidates that wins a congressional district receives one presidential elector and the slate of candidates that wins a majority of the congressional districts receives two additional presidential electors. If no slate of candidates wins a majority of the congressional districts, the slate of candidates that wins the statewide vote receives the two additional presidential electors.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 8.25 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 8.25 (1) **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.** By general ballot at the general election for
5 choosing the president and vice president of the United States there shall be elected

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1 as many electors of president and vice president as this state is entitled to elect
2 senators and representatives in congress. One elector of president and vice president
3 shall be elected from each congressional district and, unless any candidates for
4 president and vice president receive a plurality of the votes cast in a majority of the
5 congressional districts, 2 electors of president and vice president shall be elected
6 from the state at large. If any candidates for president and vice president receive a
7 plurality of the votes cast in a majority of the congressional districts, the 2 at-large
8 electors for those candidates who were nominated under s. 8.18 or the 2 at-large
9 presidential electors listed by those candidates under s. 8.185 (2) or 8.20 (2) (d) shall
10 be elected in lieu of any electors elected from the state at large. A vote for the
11 president and vice president nominations of any party is a vote for the electors of the
12 nominees.

13 (END)