

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 309

April 12, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives POWERS, JESKEWITZ, ALBERS, OLSEN, MUSSER, BERCEAU, LOEFFELHOLZ, OTT, WARD, FREESE, MCCORMICK, HEBL, PLOUFF, PLALE and SHILLING, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, DARLING and ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1     **AN ACT relating to:** requiring the elections board to make recommendations  
2             concerning the elimination of punch card voting systems as a method of voting  
3             in this state.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, punch card voting systems are one of the statutorily approved methods of voting in elections in this state. Any specific type of system must, however, be approved by the elections board in accordance with statutory standards before the system may be used. This bill directs the elections board to prepare recommendations for eliminating the use of punch card voting systems as a method of voting in this state and for facilitating the transition from the use of punch card voting systems to another approved method of voting. The recommendations must include a proposed method by which the state would reimburse counties and municipalities for the expense of transitioning to another approved method of voting. The elections board must submit the recommendations to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate standing committees of each house, by the first day of the 5th month beginning after this bill becomes law.

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

4             **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

