

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 334

April 18, 2001 – Introduced by Representative ALBERS, cosponsored by Senator SHIBILSKI, by request of Claims Board. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

- 1 **AN ACT Relating to:** expenditure of \$50,119 from the general fund in payment
2 of a claim against the state made by Milwaukee County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs expenditure of \$50,119 from the general fund in payment of a claim made by Milwaukee County against the state. Under s. 5.72 (1), 1987 stats., county and municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners preparing ballots were directed to submit copies of the ballots, or proof copies, to the state elections board for review of possible errors. The board was directed to notify the clerk or board of election commissioners of any errors that it discovered within seven days after submittal. At the 1988 general election, the Milwaukee County board of election commissioners did not submit ballots or proof copies. On October 12, 1988, the state elections board issued an order finding that the county's ballots for the 1988 general election did not comply with s. 5.64 (3), 1987 stats., which required a separate presidential ballot, or with s. 5.64 (1) (a) and (3) (a), 1987 stats., which required specific voting instructions in plain, legible type, and required ballot titles to appear in lettering at least three-eighths inch high. The elections board ordered the county to reprint its ballots for the city of Milwaukee and village of Shorewood. The county incurred costs of \$62,438 and claimed this amount. On February 5, 1990, the claims board recommended approval of the county's claim in the amount of \$50,119, representing the cost of the ballots that were destroyed as a result of the order of the elections board (see 1989 *Senate Journal*, pp. 683-684).

