

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Senator Starzyk:

1. This bill permits a municipality or board of election commissioners to appoint reserve inspectors who may be used to staff polling places in the applicable municipality during elections at which high turnout is expected. The reserve inspectors need not be electors of the municipality, but must be electors of this state. Under the bill, they serve for a 2-year term and must take an oath of office (the same as is provided for other inspectors currently), but they may be reappointed indefinitely. The term of office is designed to ensure that the reserve inspectors retain some attachment to the training and staffing process and that the list of reserves is kept current. Please let us know if this treatment is inconsistent with your intent.
2. The bill also specifies that any special registration deputy who registers electors at a polling place on election day and any election official appointed to fill a vacancy need not be an elector of the particular municipality, but must be an elector of this state. Please let us know if this treatment is inconsistent with your intent.
3. Currently, an election official is required to serve at each election held in the applicable municipality during the official's term of office. This bill exempts reserve inspectors from this requirement, in order to allow each municipality to use reserve inspectors only as needed. See proposed s. 7.33 (2). Please let us know if this treatment is not consistent with your intent.

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