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October 9, 2001

Sent by E-mail

Jeff Kuesel
Rob Marchant
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Madison, WI 53702

Dear Jeff and Rob:

On behalf of the State Elections Board I request that you draft legislation relating to election administration that makes the following changes. I have included a statutory reference where it is applicable.

1. Authorize municipalities to establish regional polling places that enable all voters to cast their ballots in a convenient, fully accessible location that can be equipped with state of the art voting equipment and technology to enable all voters to cast a secret and secure ballot. S.5.25 Wis. Stats. On Election Day a voter may vote at either the regional polling place or the polling place located in their neighborhood. Municipalities would be permitted to combine their polling place with other municipalities. Municipalities could use the regional polling place as a satellite location for absentee voting before Election Day. The Elections Board would be required to establish procedures for conducting elections at the regional polling place.
2. Permit high school students under the age of 18 to serve as election inspectors. The high school student would have to be at least 15 years old. This is one way to get more help at the polling place on Election Day. It is currently permitted in Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota and several other states. It has received very positive comments from pollworkers and election officials. S.7.03 Wis. Stats.
3. Remove the requirement that an election inspector, special registration deputy or special voting deputy must be a resident of the municipality. Ss.7.15 (1) (k), 7.30 (2) (a), (4), Wis. Stats. There are several small municipalities that have trouble recruiting poll workers and this provision would enable them to reach out beyond municipal boundaries to obtain otherwise qualified electors or high school students to serve as poll workers.
4. Permit election inspectors (pollworkers) to volunteer their time. One of the administrative burdens encountered by municipal clerks is the paperwork associated with payroll for Election Day workers. Current law requires that election inspectors be paid a reasonable daily compensation. S.7.03 Wis. Stats. Individuals attempting to recruit pollworkers have suggested that the paperwork may be a barrier to participation. It may be easier to convince persons to volunteer their time than to ask them to fill out a bunch of forms and keep track of the income for tax reporting purposes. This also works well

for the proposed change involving high school students, since high school students are required to do a volunteer community service project as a prerequisite to graduation.

5. Make a technical correction in S.8.21, Wis. Stats. to harmonize the restriction on running for office with the constitutional qualifier that a candidate may not be a convicted felon. Current law still refers to an individual convicted of an infamous crime.
6. Change the provisions in Ss.7.08 (1)(b), (3), (4), 11.21 (3), (14), Wis. Stats. that require the Elections Board to distribute various forms, manuals and copies of the election laws free to local election officials and registrants. The Board will still distribute campaign finance registration and report forms to registrants without charge. S.11.21 (1), Wis. Stats.
7. Permit the use of more than one central count location in a municipality or county and provide that the municipalities using the central count location specify who is in charge of the central count location. Ss.5.86, 7.51 (1), Wis. Stats.
8. Eliminate the reference in S.6.875 (6) Wis. Stats. to administering an oath to absentee voters in nursing homes. There is no longer an oath on the absentee certificate.
9. Change the time for the municipal clerk to certify the list of municipal candidates to the county clerk form 2 days following the caucus to 3 days following candidate qualification. Ss.1006 (3)(bm), 10.66 (3)(k), Wis. Stats. See 8.05 (1)(j), Wis. Stats.
10. Add a provision in S.755.01 (4) Wis. Stats. that requires the contracting parties to notify the filing officer when the disagreement is discontinued. See the 1997-98 version of the statute.
11. Provide that the clerk call the recall election after determining the sufficiency of a recall petition for a local officeholder. S.9.10 (4) (a), (d), Wis. Stats. It is often difficult to get the governing body to meet to order the recall election.
12. Provide that no recall election for a local office may held after February 1st if the regular election for the office is scheduled for the following Spring election. S.9.10 (4) (a), Wis. Stats.
13. Make changes to the following provisions of the recall statute to eliminate references to affidavits of circulator. Following the enactment of 1999 Wisconsin Act 182, recall petition circulators sign a certificate instead of an affidavit.

S. 9.10 (2)(e)3., "...is dated after the date of notarization..."

S.9.10 (2)(em)4., "The title of the individual, other than a notary, administering the oath..."

S.9.10 (2)(em)5., "The notary commission...has expired."

S.9.10 (2)(o), "If the date of administering the oath predates the date of the signature..."

S.9.10 (2)(r)1., "An expired notary commission date."

S.9.10 (2)(r)2., "Failure of a notary to sign the petition."

S.9.10 (2)(r)3., "Failure to indicate the duration of a notary commission..."

The Elections Board would like to have this proposal ready as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact me directly. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

State Elections Board

Kevin J. Kennedy
Executive Director

Kuesel, Jeffery

From: Kennedy, Kevin
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2001 5:44 PM
To: Kuesel, Jeffery; Marchant, Robert
Cc: Lowe, Diane; Letko, Tom; Hansen, Barbara; Dunst, George
Subject: Additional Drafting Request

Jeff and Rob,

The Elections Board staff identified another anomaly in the statutes. This relates to absentee voting in qualified retirement homes. Section 6.875 (1)(at) defines a qualified retirement home, but refers to the provision that deals with qualified community based residential facilities [Section 6.875 (2)(b)], when it should refer to the subsection addressing qualified retirement homes. [Section 6.875 (2)(c)]

Similarly the provision that states that this is the exclusive means of voting in nursing homes and qualified community based residential facilities, should also mention qualified retirement homes. [Section 6.875 (2)(a)]

Can you include this correction in the drafting request that I submitted earlier?

Thank you.

Kevin Kennedy

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statutes; relating to: *various changes in elections administration laws*

[NOTE: See section 4.02 (2) (br), Drafting Manual, for specific order of standard phrases.]

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

SECTION #.

ANALYSIS

This bill makes various changes in the laws relating to administration of elections. Significant changes include:

✓ **Service of high school students as poll workers** ^{qualifications}

Currently, poll workers consist of election inspectors and special registration deputies. Inspectors supervise voting generally and deputies are appointed to accept election day registrations in municipalities where registration is required. With limited exceptions, inspectors must be qualified electors of the ward, combined wards or election district where they serve. Special registration deputies must be electors of the municipality in which they serve. The two major political parties may submit nominees for inspector positions, but if they fail to do so, municipalities may appoint any qualified electors to serve. Inspectors normally serve for ~~0~~ ^{two} year terms. Under this bill, any poll worker need only be a qualified elector of this state, except that the bill permits any pupil who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 of a public or private school and who is 15, 16, or 17 years of age to be appointed as an election inspector. The bill requires a pupil who wishes to serve as an inspector to obtain the written authorization of the pupil's parent or guardian and of the principal of the school where he or she is enrolled, who must consent to allow the pupil to serve at all elections held during his or her term of office. Under the bill, if a pupil who receives an inspector appointment ceases to be enrolled and the pupil has not become a qualified elector of the state, the pupil's office becomes vacant.

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Compensation of election officials

→ Currently, most election officials (inspectors, voting machine custodians, automatic tabulating equipment technicians, members of boards of canvassers, messengers and tabulators) must be paid a reasonable compensation, which is fixed and paid by the jurisdiction for whom they perform services. If a special election is called, the jurisdiction calling the election must pay the compensation. Special registration deputies, nursing and retirement home voting deputies and officials and trainees who attend training sessions may be compensated for their services at municipal option. This bill permits all jurisdictions to determine whether to compensate any election officials, and to fix any compensation payable to them, except that if a special election is called and a municipality where the election is to be held has fixed compensation for the officials who conduct the election, the jurisdiction that calls the election must pay this compensation.

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Free distribution of Elections Board publications

Currently, the Elections Board is required to publish the election laws, a manual explaining the duties of election officials, an accounting and bookkeeping manual for campaign finance registrants, and a manual describing the campaign finance and prohibited election practice laws. The board must distribute free copies of the election laws in sufficient supply to provide one copy for each polling place, the board must distribute one copy of the election manual free to each county and municipal clerk and board of election commissioners. The board must distribute the accounting and bookkeeping manual and the manual describing the campaign

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This bill removes these requirements for free distribution.

finance and prohibited election practice laws free to each state registrant and must distribute sufficient copies of the manuals to local filing officers to enable distribution to local registrants.

Disqualification of candidates

Under current law, in order to become a candidate for state or local office in this state, an individual must swear that he or she has not been convicted of any infamous crime for which he or she has not been pardoned. In 1996, the Wisconsin constitution was amended to remove the reference to the infamous crime disqualifier and to substitute a disqualification for conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving a violation of the public trust, unless pardoned. This bill deletes infamous crime disqualifier from the statutes and substitutes a requirement for a candidate for state or local office to swear that he or she has not been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned.

Restriction on dates of recall elections for ^{elective} local officers

Currently, a petition for the recall of an officer may be offered for filing at any time after the officer has served at least one year of his or her term, and a recall election may be required at any time after that first year if a legally valid petition is filed. This bill prohibits any election for the recall of a city, village, town or school district officer whose office is being filled at the spring election from being held after February 1 in the year of that election.

Method of calling recall elections for local officers

Currently, a petition for the recall of an elective officer of a city, village, town or school district is filed with the municipal or school district clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality or school district. If the clerk or board finds the petition to be sufficient, the clerk or board transmits it to the municipal governing body or school board, which must then call a recall election. This bill provides instead for the the clerk or board, upon finding a petition to be sufficient, to call the recall election.

Supervision of central counting locations

Currently, any municipality that utilizes an electronic voting system may provide for ballots to be counted at one or more central counting locations instead of at the polling places where ballots are cast. Currently, proceedings at a central counting location are under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, unless the central counting location is at the county seat and the clerk or board delegates this responsibility to the county clerk or board of election commissioners. This bill permits a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to delegate the responsibility to supervise a central counting location to another election official, or if the clerk or board delegates this responsibility to the county clerk or board of election commissioners, the bill permits that clerk or board to delegate the responsibility for supervision to another election official.

Voting in certain homes and facilities

Currently, municipalities send two special voting deputies to each nursing or retirement home or community-based residential facility where one or more electors apply for an absentee ballot for the purpose of conducting absentee voting. The

deputies must represent the two major political parties when party representatives are available. Current law requires the deputies to administer an absentee voter oath that was formerly a part of the absentee voter's certificate, but the current form of the certificate does not require an oath and instead requires only one witness. This bill requires the two deputies at a home or facility to each witness the execution of the absentee voter's certificate in lieu of the oath.

Certification of the names of municipal candidates and referenda

Currently, the names of candidates for municipal office are certified for placement on the ballot no later than 2 days after the deadline for filing nomination papers or 2 days after the date of any village or town nominating caucus. Except at primary elections, municipal ballot questions are certified at the same time. This bill requires certification no later than 3 days after the deadline for filing nomination papers or 3 days after candidate qualification following a nominating caucus.

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Notification of creation or abolition of joint municipal courts

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Currently, two or more municipalities may establish a joint municipal court. The county clerk or board of election commissioners of the county having the largest portion of the population of the combined municipalities serves as filing officer for the election of the judge of the court. Currently, the municipalities must notify the appropriate clerk or board when a joint court is created. This bill requires each municipality to send to the clerk or board a copy of the ordinance or bylaw creating or discontinuing a joint court.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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SECTION 1. 5.86 of the statutes is amended to read:

→ 5.86 ~~(title)~~ **Proceedings at central counting ~~location~~ locations.** (1) All proceedings at the each central counting location shall be under the direction of the municipal clerk or an election official designated by the clerk unless the central counting location is at the county seat and the municipal clerk delegates the responsibility to supervise the location to the county clerk, in which case the proceedings shall be under the direction of the county clerk or an election official designated by the county clerk. Unless election officials are selected under s. 7.30 (4) (c) without regard to party affiliation, the employees at the each central counting location, other than any specially trained technicians who are required for the operation of the automatic tabulating equipment, shall be equally divided between members of the 2 major political parties under s. 7.30 (2) (a) and all duties performed by the employees shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of each political party whenever sufficient persons from each party are available.

(2) At the each central counting location, a team of election officials designated by the clerk having charge of the location under sub. (1) shall check the container returned containing the ballots to determine that all seals are intact, and thereupon shall open the container, check the inspectors' slip and compare the number of ballots so delivered against the total number of electors of each ward served by the polling place who voted, remove the ballots or record of the votes cast and deliver them to the technicians operating the automatic tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of ballots and total number of electors shall be noted on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by the election officials.

SECTION 2. 6.87 (2) ^(Form) of the statutes is amended to read:

~~6.87 (2) Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk shall place the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The envelope shall have the name, official title and post office address of the clerk upon its face. The other side of the envelope shall have a printed certificate in substantially the following form:~~

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[STATE OF

County of]

or

[(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

I,, certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of, or of the ... aldermanic district in the city of, residing at ... in said city, the county of, state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at the election to be held on; that I am not voting at any other location in this election; that I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the (ward) (election district) on election day or have changed my residence within the state from one ward or election district to another within 10 days before the election. An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s. 6.47 (3) need not provide a street address. I certify that I exhibited the enclosed ballot unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her) presence and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed the same in this envelope in such a manner that no one but myself and any person rendering assistance under s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance, could know how I voted.

Signed

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Identification serial number, if any:

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The witness shall execute the following:

I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, certify that the above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure.

...(Name)

...(Address)*

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* - If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.876 (6),

Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

NOTE: NOTE: Sub. (2) is shown as affected by two acts of the 1999 legislature and as merged by the revisor under s. 13.93 (2) (c).NOTE:

History: 1971 c. 242; 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (1), (2); 1975 c. 85; 1975 c. 93 s. 119 (2); 1975 c. 199; 1977 c. 394; 1979 c. 232, 260, 311, 355; 1983 a. 36, 484, 538; 1985 a. 304; 1991 a. 316; 1999 a. 49, 182; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

SECTION 3. 6.875 (1) (at) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.875 (1) (at) "Qualified retirement home" means a retirement home that qualifies under sub. (2) (b) (c) to utilize the procedures under this section.

History: 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 192; 1997 a. 127, 188, 237; 1999 a. 32, 182.

SECTION 4. 6.875 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.875 (2) (a) The procedures prescribed in this section are the exclusive means of absentee voting for electors who are occupants of nursing homes or, qualified community-based residential facilities or qualified retirement homes.

History: 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 192; 1997 a. 127, 188, 237; 1999 a. 32, 182.

SECTION 5. 6.875 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.875 (6) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times with the administrator of each nursing home or, qualified retirement home and qualified community-based residential facility in the municipality from which one or more

occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. Upon request of a relative of an occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential facility, the administrator may notify the relative of the time or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the home or facility, and permit the relative to be present in the room where the voting is conducted. At the designated time, 2 deputies appointed under sub. (4) shall visit the ~~nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential facility~~. The municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners shall issue a supply of absentee ballots to the deputies sufficient to provide for the number of valid applications received by the clerk, and a reasonable additional number of ballots. The municipal clerk or executive director shall keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall require the deputies to return every ballot issued to them. The deputies shall personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application the opportunity to cast his or her absentee ballot. If an elector is present who has not filed a proper application, the 2 deputies may accept an application from the elector and shall issue a ballot to the elector if the elector is qualified and the application is proper. The deputies shall administer each ~~witness the execution of the oath~~ ^{certification} ~~form~~ and may, upon request of the elector, assist the elector in marking or punching the elector's ballot. Upon request of the elector, a relative of the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking or punching the elector's ballot. All voting shall be conducted in the presence of the deputies. No individual other than a deputy may administer witness the oath ~~execution of the form~~ ^{certification} and no individual other than a deputy or relative of an elector



may render voting assistance to the elector. Upon completion of the voting, the deputies shall promptly deliver, either personally or by 1st class mail, any absentee ballot applications and the sealed certificate envelope containing each ballot to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the elector casting the ballot resides, within such time as will permit delivery to the polling place serving the elector's residence on election day. Personal delivery may be made by the deputies no later than noon on election day. If a qualified elector is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate visits by the deputies to the nursing home or ~~qualified retirement home facility~~, they shall so inform the municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners, who may then send the ballot to the elector no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

History: 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 192; 1997 a. 127, 188, 237; 1999 a. 52, 182.

^{(1)(a)} as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16,

SECTION 6. 7.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

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~~7.03 Compensation of election officials and trainees.~~

(1) (a) A reasonable Each municipality shall determine whether election officials shall be compensated in that municipality, and may fix a daily compensation shall to be paid to each any inspector, voting machine custodian, automatic tabulating equipment technician, member of a board of canvassers, messenger, and tabulator who is employed and performing performs duties under chs. 5 to 12. Alternatively, the municipality may determine to compensate such officials may be paid by the hour at a proportionate rate for each hour actually worked. Each county may similarly determine to compensate and fix compensation for any official who performs duties for the county, and the board may determine to compensate and fix compensation for any official who performs services for the state.

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Daily compensation shall may also be provided to trainees for attendance at training sessions and examinations required by the board under §. 7.31.

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(b) Except as provided in par. (bm), payment if compensation is payable to any official who performs duties at an election, the compensation shall be made paid by the municipality in which the election is held, except that any compensation payable to a technician, messenger, tabulator, or member of the board of canvassers who is employed to perform performs services for the county shall be paid by the county and any compensation payable to any messenger or tabulator who is employed to perform performs services for the state shall be paid by the board.

(bm) Whenever a special election is called by a county or by a school district, a technical college district, a sewerage district, a sanitary district, or a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, the county or district shall pay the any compensation of all fixed by municipalities for election officials performing duties in those municipalities, as determined under sub. (2).

(c) If a central counting location serving more than one municipality is utilized under s. 7.51 (1), the municipalities utilizing the location may determine to compensate and may jointly fix any compensation of payable to election officials at the location, and the cost of any payments shall be proportionately divided between the municipalities utilizing the location, except that if all municipalities within a county utilize the location, the county may determine to compensate and shall fix and pay any compensation shall be paid by the county payable to the officials at the location.

(d) Special registration deputies appointed under s. 6.55 (6), special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875 (4) and officials and trainees who attend training sessions under s. 7.15 (1) (e) or 7.25 (5) may also be compensated by the municipality where they serve at the option of the municipality.

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(2) The amount of compensation of election officials, when authorized or required, shall be fixed by the appropriate county board of supervisors, municipal governing body, or municipal board of election commissioners in cities over 500,000 population. ~~The board shall fix the amount to be paid any person employed to perform duties for the state.~~ If the board employs an individual to perform duties which are the responsibility of a county or municipality, the board shall charge the expense to the county or municipality.

History: 1973 c. 334 s. 57; 1977 c. 394, 427; 1979 c. 89, 260, 311, 355; 1983 a. 484; 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 111, 391; 1993 a. 399.

SECTION 7. 7.08 (3) (intro.) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

7.08 (3) ELECTION MANUAL. (intro.) Prepare and publish separate from the election laws an election manual written so as to be easily understood by the general public explaining the duties of the election officials, together with notes and references to the statutes as the board considers advisable. ~~The manual shall be furnished by the board free to each county and municipal clerk or board of election commissioners and others in such manner as it deems most likely to promote the public welfare.~~ The election manual shall:

History: 1971 c. 242; 1973 c. 334 s. 6, 57; 1975 c. 85, 93, 94, 199; 1977 c. 29, 107, 394, 427; 1979 c. 89, 177, 260, 311; 1981 c. 377; 1983 a. 51, 484; 1985 a. 120, 304; 1989 a. 192; 1993 a. 140; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 49, 182; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

(4) ELECTION LAWS. Publish the election laws. ~~The board shall furnish the election laws free to each county and municipal clerk and board of election commissioners in sufficient supply to provide one copy for reference at each office and at each polling place.~~ The board shall sell or distribute or arrange for the sale or distribution of copies of the election laws to county and municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners and members of the public.

History: 1971 c. 242; 1973 c. 334 s. 6, 57; 1975 c. 85, 93, 94, 199; 1977 c. 29, 107, 394, 427; 1979 c. 89, 177, 260, 311; 1981 c. 377; 1983 a. 51, 484; 1985 a. 120, 304; 1989 a. 192; 1993 a. 140; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 49, 182; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

SECTION 8. 7.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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7.51 (1) CANVASS PROCEDURE. Immediately after the polls close the inspectors shall proceed to canvass publicly all votes received at the polling place. In any municipality where an electronic voting system is used, the municipal governing body or board of election commissioners may provide or authorize the municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners to provide for the adjournment of the canvass to one or more central counting locations for specified polling places in the manner prescribed in subch. III of ch. 5. No central counting location may be used to count votes at a polling place where an electronic voting system is not employed. The canvass, whether conducted at the polling place or at the a central counting location, shall continue without adjournment until the canvass is completed and the return statements are made. The inspectors shall not permit access to the name of any elector who has obtained a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) during the canvass, except as authorized in s. 6.47 (8).

History: 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (2); 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 394 s. 53; 1977 c. 427, 447; 1979 c. 260 ss. 36, 48; 1979 c. 311; 1981 c. 4, 391; 1983 a. 183, 442; 1983 a. 484 ss. 76, 77, 177 (3); 1983 a. 538; 1985 a. 120, 304; 1987 a. 301; 1988 a. 56, 192; 1992 a. 399; 1997 a. 127; 1999 a. 49, 182.

SECTION 9. 8.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.15 (4) (a) The certification of a qualified elector stating his or her residence with street and number, if any, shall appear at the bottom of each nomination paper, stating he or she personally circulated the nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures; he or she knows they are electors of the ward, aldermanic district, municipality or county, as the nomination papers require; he or she knows they signed the paper with full knowledge of its content; he or she knows their respective residences given; he or she knows each signer signed on the date stated opposite his or her name; and, that he or she, the circulator, resides within the district which the candidate named therein will represent, if elected; that he or she intends to support the candidate; and that he or she is aware that falsifying the

certification is punishable under s. 12.13 (3) (a), Wis. stats. The circulator shall indicate the date that he or she makes the certification next to his or her signature.

The certification may be made by the candidate or any qualified elector.

History: 1971 c. 304 ss. 13, 29 (1), (2); 1973 c. 334 s. 57; 1977 c. 107, 427; 1979 c. 249, 260, 311; 1983 a. 29, 484; 1985 a. 304; 1989 a. 31; 1993 a. 140, 213, 266; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 10. 8.21 of the statutes is amended to read:

8.21 Declaration of candidacy. Each candidate, except a candidate for presidential elector under s. 8.20 (2) (d), shall file a declaration of candidacy, no later than the latest time provided for filing nomination papers under s. 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15 (1), 8.20 (8) (a) or 8.50 (3) (a), or the time provided under s. 8.16 (2) or 8.35 (2) (c). A candidate shall file the declaration with the officer or agency with which nomination papers are filed for the office which the candidate seeks, or if nomination papers are not required, with the clerk or board of election commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the candidate seeks office. The declaration shall be sworn to before any officer authorized to administer oaths. The declaration shall contain the name of the candidate in the form specified under s. 8.10 (2) (b) for candidates for nonpartisan office or s. 8.15 (5) (a) or 8.20 (2) (a) for candidates for partisan office, and shall state that the signer is a candidate for a named office, that he or she meets or will at the time he or she assumes office meet applicable age, citizenship, residency or voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and of this state, and that he or she will otherwise qualify for office if nominated and elected. The declaration shall include the candidate's name in the form in which it will appear on the ballot. Each candidate for state and local office shall include in the declaration a statement that he or she has not been convicted of any ~~infamous crime~~ felony for which he or she has not been pardoned ~~and a list of all felony convictions for which he or she has not been pardoned~~. In addition,

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each candidate for state or local office shall include in the declaration a statement that discloses his or her municipality of residence for voting purposes, and the street and number, if any, on which the candidate resides. The declaration is valid with or without the seal of the officer who administers the oath. A candidate for state or local office shall file an amended declaration under oath with the same officer or agency if any information contained in the declaration changes at any time after the original declaration is filed and before the candidate assumes office or is defeated for election or nomination.

History: 1983 a. 484 s. 94; 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1993 a. 140; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 11. 8.40 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.40 (2) The certification of a qualified elector stating his or her residence with street and number, if any, shall appear at the bottom of each separate sheet of each petition specified in sub. (1), stating that he or she personally circulated the petition and personally obtained each of the signatures; that the circulator knows that they are electors of the jurisdiction or district in which the petition is circulated; that the circulator knows that they signed the paper with full knowledge of its content; that the circulator knows their respective residences given; that the circulator knows that each signer signed on the date stated opposite his or her name; that the circulator resides within the jurisdiction or district in which the petition is circulated; and that the circulator is aware that falsifying the certification is punishable under s. 12.13

(3) (a). The circulator shall indicate the date that he or she makes the certification next to his or her signature.

History: 1980 a. 192; 1997 a. 35; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 12. 9.10 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

9.10 (2) (e) 3. The signature is dated after the date of the ~~notarization~~
certification contained on the petition sheet.

History: 1977 c. 187 s. 134; 1977 c. 403, 447; 1979 c. 260; 1983 a. 219, 491, 538; 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 31, 192; 1991 a. 269, 315; 1999 a. 182.

~~SECTION 13.~~ 9.10 (2) (em) 4. and 5. of the statutes are repealed. ✓

~~SECTION 14.~~ 9.10 (2) (o) of the statutes is repealed. ✓

~~SECTION 15.~~ 9.10 (2) (r) 1. to 3. of the statutes are repealed. ✓

~~SECTION 16.~~ 9.10 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read: _____

9.10 (4) (a) Within 10 days after a petition for the recall of a city, village, town or school district official, is offered for filing, the officer against whom the petition is filed may file a written challenge with the municipal clerk, school district clerk, or board of election commissioners ~~or school district clerk~~ with whom it is filed, specifying any alleged insufficiency. If a challenge is filed, the petitioner may file a written rebuttal to the challenge with the clerk or board of election commissioners within 5 days after the challenge is filed. If a rebuttal is filed, the officer against whom the petition is filed may file a reply to any new matter raised in the rebuttal within 2 days after the rebuttal is filed. Within 14 days after the expiration of the time allowed for filing a reply to a rebuttal, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall file the certificate or an amended certificate. Within 31 days after the petition is offered for filing, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall determine by careful examination of the face of the petition whether the petition is sufficient and shall so state in a certificate attached to the petition. If the petition is found to be insufficient, the certificate shall state the particulars creating the insufficiency. The petition may be amended to correct any insufficiency within 5 days following the affixing of the original certificate. Within 2 days after the offering of the amended petition for filing, the clerk or board of election



commissioners shall again carefully examine the face of the petition to determine sufficiency and shall attach to the petition a certificate stating the findings. Immediately upon finding an original or amended petition sufficient, ~~except in cities over 500,000 population, the municipal clerk or school district clerk~~ board of election commissioners shall ~~transmit the petition to the governing body or to the school board.~~ transmit the petition to the governing body or to the school board. one plain space Immediately upon finding an original or amended petition sufficient, in cities over 500,000 population, the board of election commissioners shall file the petition in its the office of the clerk or board of election commissioners.

History: 1977 c. 187 s. 134; 1977 c. 403, 447; 1979 c. 260; 1983 a. 219, 491, 538; 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 31, 192; 1991 a. 269, 315; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 17. 9.10 (4) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 9.10 (4) (d) 1. and amended to read:

9.10 (4) (d) 1. ~~The governing body, school board~~ Except as provided in subd. 2., promptly upon filing of a certificate under par. (a), the municipal clerk, school district clerk or board of election commissioners ^{one space not two} upon receiving the certificate shall call an a recall election. The recall election shall be held on the Tuesday of the 6th week commencing after the date of that the certificate. If is filed, except that if Tuesday is a legal holiday, the recall election shall be held on the first day after Tuesday which is not a legal holiday.

History: 1977 c. 187 s. 134; 1977 c. 403, 447; 1979 c. 260; 1983 a. 219, 491, 538; 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 31, 192; 1991 a. 269, 315; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 18. 9.10 (4) (d) 2. of the statutes is created to read: may

9.10 (4) (d) 2. The clerk or board under subd. 1. ~~shall~~ may not call a recall election for an office to be filled at the spring election later than February 1 in the year of that election.

SECTION 19. 10.06 (3) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

10.06 (3) (am) As soon as possible following the deadline for filing nomination papers for any municipal election when there is to be an election for a county or state

office or a county or statewide referendum, but no later than 2 3 days after such deadline, the municipal clerk of each municipality in which voting machines or ballots containing the names of candidates for both local offices and national, state or county offices are used shall certify the list of candidates for municipal office to the county clerk if a primary is required, unless the municipality prepares its own ballots under s. 7.15 (2) (c).

History: 1973 c. 280; 1973 c. 334 s. 57; 1975 c. 275, 422; 1977 c. 107, 340, 427; 1979 c. 260, 311; 1983 a. 484; 1985 a. 304, 332; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 273; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 20. 10.06 (3) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

10.06 (3) (bm) As soon as possible following the municipal canvass of the primary vote or the qualification of the candidates under s. 8.05 (1) (j) if a municipal caucus when is held, if there is to be an election for a county or state office or a county or statewide referendum, but no later than 2 3 days after such date, the municipal clerk of each municipality in which voting machines or ballots containing the names of candidates for both local offices and national, state or county offices are used shall certify the list of candidates for municipal office and municipal referenda appearing on the ballot to the county clerk, unless the municipality prepares its own ballots under s. 7.15 (2) (c).

History: 1973 c. 280; 1973 c. 334 s. 57; 1975 c. 275, 422; 1977 c. 107, 340, 427; 1979 c. 260, 311; 1983 a. 484; 1985 a. 304, 332; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 273; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 21. 11.21 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.21 (3) Prepare and publish for the use of persons required to file reports and statements under this chapter a manual setting forth simply and concisely recommended uniform methods of bookkeeping and reporting. ~~The board shall furnish a copy of the manual without charge, upon request, to all persons who are~~

~~required to file reports or statements with the board, and shall distribute or arrange for the distribution of copies of the manual for use by other filing officers.~~

History: 1973 c. 334; 1975 c. 93 ss. 73 to 78, 119 (2); 1977 c. 107; 1979 c. 260, 328; 1981 c. 390 s. 252; 1983 a. 27, 538; 1985 a. 303; 1987 a. 370; 1989 a. 192; 1997 a. 230.

SECTION 22. 11.21 (14) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.21 (14) Prepare, publish and periodically revise as necessary a manual simply and concisely describing the filing and registration requirements established in this chapter in detail, as well as other major provisions of this chapter and ch. 12.

~~The board shall furnish a copy of the manual without charge, upon request, to all persons who are required to file reports or statements with the board, and shall distribute or arrange for the distribution of copies of the manual for use by other filing officers.~~

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History: 1973 c. 334; 1975 c. 93 ss. 73 to 78, 119 (2); 1977 c. 107; 1979 c. 260, 328; 1981 c. 390 s. 252; 1983 a. 27, 538; 1985 a. 303; 1987 a. 370; 1989 a. 192; 1997 a. 230.

SECTION 23. 755.01 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

755.01 (4) Two or more cities, towns or villages of this state may enter into an agreement under s. 66.0301 for the joint exercise of the power granted under sub. (1), except that for purposes of this subsection, any agreement under s. 66.0301 shall be effected by the enactment of identical ordinances by each affected city, town or village. Electors of each municipality entering into the agreement shall be eligible to vote for the judge of the municipal court so established. If a municipality enters into an agreement with a municipality that already has a municipal court, the municipalities may provide by ordinance or resolution that the judge for the existing municipal court shall serve as the judge for the joint court until the end of the term or until a special election is held under s. 8.50 (4) (fm). Each municipality shall adopt an ordinance or bylaw under sub. (1) prior to entering into the agreement. The contracting municipalities need not be contiguous and need not all be in the same

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county. The Upon entering into or discontinuing such an agreement, the contracting municipalities shall notify each transmit a certified copy of the ordinance or bylaw effecting or discontinuing the agreement to the appropriate filing officer under s. 11.02 (3e) when the joint court is created. When a municipal judge is elected under this subsection, candidates shall be nominated by filing nomination papers under s. 8.10 (6) (bm), and shall register with the filing officer specified in s. 11.02 (3e).

History: 1977 c. 187 s. 94; 1977 c. 305; Stats. 1977 s. 155.01; 1985 a. 89, 304; 1987 a. 389; 1989 a. 274; 1997 a. 208; 1999 a. 150 s. 672; 1999 a. 182

SECTION 24. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 9.10 (4) (a) and (d) of the statutes first applies with respect to petitions for recall of officers that are offered for filing on the effective date of this subsection.

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~~SECTION 1. 5.02 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:~~

~~5.02 (6m) "High school" means a school in which grades 9 to 12 are taught.~~

SECTION 2. 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section may conduct an election. Except as authorized in s. 7.15 (1) (k), each inspector ^{and special registration} shall be a qualified ^{deputy} elector ~~in the ward for which the polling place is established. Special registration deputies appointed under s. 6.55 (6) and election officials serving more than one ward or when necessary to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident of that ward, but shall be a resident of the municipality of the state.~~ Special registration deputies may be appointed to serve more than one polling place. All officials shall be able to read and write the English language, be capable, be of good understanding, and may not be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they serve. In 1st class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public. Except as authorized under sub. (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated with one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. The party which received the largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the next largest number of votes at each polling place. The same election officials may serve the electors of more than one ward where wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large.

History: 1971 c. 242; 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (1), (2); 1971 c. 336; 1973 c. 280, 334; 1975 c. 93, 101; 1977 c. 394, 427, 447; 1979 c. 89, 260, 355; 1983 a. 183, 484, 538; 1985 a. 131 s. 3; 1985 a. 304, 332; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 192, 359; 1993 a. 116 s. 2; 1997 a. 127; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 3. 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:



7.30 (2) (am) A ^{pupil} student who is ^{at least} 15 ^{15, 16, or 17} years of age and who is enrolled in ^{grades 9 to 12 in} a public or private ^{high} school may serve as an election official, with ^{the written approval of the pupil's parent or guardian and} the permission of the principal of the ^{high} school in which the ^{pupil} student is enrolled. Before appointment by any municipality of a ^{pupil} high school student as an election official, ^{under this paragraph} the municipal clerk shall obtain written authorization from the ^{pupil's parent or guardian and from the} principal of the ^{high} school where the ^{pupil} student is enrolled for the ^{pupil} student to serve for the entire term for which he or she is appointed. Upon appointment of a ^{pupil} high school student to serve as an election official, the municipal clerk shall notify the principal of the ^{high} school where the ^{pupil} student is enrolled of the date of expiration of the ^{pupil's} student's term of office.

SECTION 4. 7.30 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

7.30 (4) (b) 1. In cities where there is a board of election commissioners, the aldermanic district committeemen or committeewomen under s. 8.17 of each of the 2 dominant recognized political parties shall submit a certified list no later than November 30 of each even-numbered year containing the names of at least as many electors nominees as there are inspectors from that party for each of the voting wards in the aldermanic district. The chairperson may designate any individual whose name is submitted as a first choice nominee. The board of election commissioners shall appoint, no later than December 31 of even-numbered years, at least 5 inspectors for each ward. The board of election commissioners shall appoint all first choice nominees for so long as positions are available, unless nonappointment is authorized under par. (e), and shall appoint other individuals in its discretion. The board of election commissioners may designate such alternates as it deems advisable.

History: 1971 c. 242; 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (1), (2); 1971 c. 336; 1973 c. 280, 334; 1975 c. 93, 101; 1977 c. 394, 427, 447; 1979 c. 89, 260, 355; 1983 a. 183, 484, 538; 1985 a. 131 s. 3; 1985 a. 304, 332; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 192, 559; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1997 a. 127; 1999 a. 182.

SECTION 5. 7.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:



7.33 (2) Service as an election official under this chapter shall be mandatory upon all ~~qualified electors~~ individuals appointed, during the full 2-year term, after which they shall be exempt from further service as an election official, under this chapter, until 3 terms of 2 years each have elapsed. Municipal clerks may grant exemptions from service at any time.

History: 1977 c. 398; 1979 c. 260 s. 44; Stats. 1979 s. 7.33; 1987 a. 111; 1987 a. 391 ss. 37m, 41g, 41r; 1989 a. 56 s. 259; 1995 a. 27.

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s. 7.30(2)(am). The principal shall allow the pupil to take examinations and complete course work missed during the pupil's absences

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Kevin Kennedy:

1. Concerning the substitution of the reference to "felony" for the reference to "infamous crime" in the declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21, stats., (your item #5), the Wisconsin Constitution now also disqualifies from holding public office, unless pardoned, any person "...convicted in federal court of a crime designated, at the time of commission, under federal law as a misdemeanor involving a violation of the public trust ~~and no person~~ convicted in a court of a state of a crime designated, at the time of commission, under the law of the state as a misdemeanor involving a violation of the public trust...". Article XIII, sec. 3 (2). *Do you wish to add* to the declaration, as well?

2. It does not appear to us that s. 7.08 (1) (b), stats., contains any requirement for free distribution of materials (your item #6). Therefore, this draft does not treat that provision.

3. Concerning your request to permit more than one central counting location to be used by a municipality (your item #7), s. 7.51 (1), stats., currently permits a municipality to designate one *or more* central counting locations. Current law provides in s. 5.86 (1), stats., that proceedings in a central counting location are under the direction of the municipal clerk unless the clerk delegates this responsibility to the county clerk. This draft permits the municipal clerk to delegate the responsibility to direct the proceedings to another election official, and also provides that if the municipal clerk delegates this responsibility to the county clerk, the proceedings are under the supervision of the county clerk or another election official designated by the county clerk.

4. Per our phone conversation of October 23, we have deleted the reference to administration of an oath in s. 6.875 (6), stats., (your item #8), but have provided that *both* special voting deputies must witness the absentee ballots in nursing and retirement homes and CBRF's in order to ensure that no ballot would be witnessed by a single witness who may have partisan inclinations. ✓

5. Concerning the time for certification of the candidates' names after the municipal caucus (your item #9), we also changed the time for certifying candidates' names after nomination papers are filed, as provided in s. 10.06 (3) (am), stats., to provide the same 3-day window that the draft calls for in s. 10.06 (3) (bm), stats., because we could not see a reason why the municipal clerk would need less time to make this certification than the clerk would need when the caucus is used for nominations.

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DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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October 31, 2001

Kevin Kennedy:

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