June 12, 2001 – Introduced by Senators ROESSLER and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives Foti, Grothman, Krawczyk, Musser, Olsen, Owens, Powers, Urban, Wade and Walker. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform.

1	AN ACT to repeal 8.15 (8) (intro.); to amend 5.62 (1) (a), 7.38 (1), 7.70 (3) (d), 8.15
2	(4) (b), 8.15 (8) (a), 8.15 (8) (b), 8.16 (1), 8.16 (6), 8.21, 8.30 (2), 8.35 (1), 8.35 (2)
3	(a), 8.35 (2) (b), 8.35 (4) (a) 1. (intro.), 8.35 (4) (b), 11.05 (3m), 11.50 (1) (a) 1.,
4	11.50 (2) (a), 11.50 (2) (b) 4., 11.50 (2) (b) 5., 19.42 (4) and 19.43 (4); and <i>to create</i>
5	8.03 (2g) and 8.15 (1m) of the statutes; <b>relating to:</b> nominating major party
6	candidates for the office of lieutenant governor and filling vacancies in certain
7	nominations.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a candidate for the nomination of a major party (a party which is entitled by law to a separate ballot or column on the ballot) for the office of lieutenant governor may file nomination papers at the same time as candidates for other state partisan offices. At the September primary, electors may vote for a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor separately from candidates for other offices within their preferred party. The winning candidate for the office of lieutenant governor within each party at the primary is then placed on the ballot at the general election, along with the party's winning candidate for the office of governor. The electors voting at the general election then cast one vote for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, jointly. A candidate for the office of lieutenant governor must receive at least 6% of the vote cast on all ballots for all candidates for

that office in the September primary to qualify for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund. Minor party or independent candidates for the office of governor or lieutenant governor may file nomination papers with or without a running mate and may appear on the primary and general election ballots in the same manner as major party candidates.

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This bill changes the procedure for nominating a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor. Under this bill, a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor does not file nomination papers and does not appear on the primary ballot. Rather, each major party candidate for the office of governor must certify the name of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor within two days after official certification of the gubernatorial candidate's nomination at the September primary. The certified candidate for the office of lieutenant governor then has three days after receipt of the certification to file a declaration of candidacy, a statement of economic interests and, if the candidate has not already done so, a financial registration. The certified candidate for the office of lieutenant governor is then placed on the general election ballot along with the gubernatorial candidate who certified his or her name. For purposes of qualifying for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor is considered to receive the same percentage of the September primary vote as the candidate for the office of governor who certifies his or her name. In addition, contributions received by the candidate for the office of governor in excess of those needed for the candidate for the office of governor to qualify for a grant may be used to qualify the candidate for the office of lieutenant governor for a grant. Minor party and independent candidates for the office of lieutenant governor continue to be nominated on nomination papers and appear on the primary ballot as currently provided.

Currently, a person who files nomination papers and qualifies to appear on the ballot may not decline nomination. However, if a candidate dies before the election, the chairperson of the state party committee, the chairperson of the county party committee, or the former candidate's personal campaign committee generally may nominate a person to fill the vacancy in nomination, depending upon the former candidate's party affiliation and the office for which the candidate was nominated. This bill allows a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor who is also nominated for another elective office to decline one of the nominations. In addition, this bill utilizes the existing procedure for filling a vacancy in nomination caused by a major party candidate to fill a vacancy in nomination caused by a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant.

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

**SECTION 1.** 5.62 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 5.62 (1) (a) At September primaries, the following ballot shall be provided for 2 the nomination of candidates of recognized political parties for national, state and 3 county offices, and for state offices, except the office of lieutenant governor, and for 4 independent candidates for state office in each ward, in the same form as prescribed 5 by the board under s. 7.08 (1) (a), except as authorized in s. 5.655. The ballots shall 6 be made up of the several party tickets with each party entitled to participate in the 7 primary under par. (b) or sub. (2) having its own ballot, except as authorized in s. 8 5.655. The independent candidates for state office other than district attorney shall 9 have a separate ballot for all such candidates as under s. 5.64 (1) (e), except as 10 authorized in s. 5.655. The ballots shall be secured together at the bottom. The party 11 ballot of the party receiving the most votes for president or governor at the last 12 general election shall be on top with the other parties arranged in descending order 13 based on their vote for president or governor at the last general election. The ballots 14 of parties qualifying under sub. (2) shall be placed after the parties qualifying under 15 par. (b), in the same order in which the parties filed petitions with the board. Any 16 ballot required under par. (b) 2. shall be placed next in order. The ballot listing the 17 independent candidates shall be placed at the bottom. At polling places where voting 18 machines are used, each party and the independent candidates shall be represented 19 in one or more separate columns or rows on the ballot. At polling places where an 20 electronic voting system is used other than an electronic voting machine, each party 21 and the independent candidates may be represented in separate columns or rows on 22 the ballot.

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**SECTION 2.** 7.38 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.38 (1) Except as provided in sub. (4), after the death of a candidate nominated
for a partisan office, either in a primary or when no primary is required under s. 8.50

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1 (3) (b), or after a candidate declines nomination under s. 8.03 (2g), the vacancy may 2 be filled by the candidate's political party. In the case of county offices, the vacancy 3 shall be filled by the chairperson of the county committee. If no county committee 4 exists, the vacancy shall be filled by the chairperson of the state committee. For other 5 offices, the vacancy shall be filled by the chairperson of the state committee. The 6 appropriate chairperson shall file with the official or agency with whom nomination 7 papers are filed for the office or, if nomination papers are not required, with the 8 official or agency with whom a declaration of candidacy is filed for the office a 9 certificate signed, certified and sworn to the same as an original nomination paper. 10 The certificate shall state the cause of the vacancy, the name of the new nominee and 11 the office for which the nomination is made. A Except as authorized under s. 8.16 12 (6), a political party may not nominate a candidate for an office for which no person 13 representing that party has filed nomination papers and a declaration of candidacy. 14 **SECTION 3.** 7.70 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 7.70 (3) (d) When the certified statements and returns are received, the 16 chairperson of the board or the chairperson's designee shall proceed to examine and 17 make a statement of the total number of votes cast at any election for the offices 18 involved in the election for president and vice president; a statement for each of the 19 offices office of governor, lieutenant governor, if a primary, and a joint statement for 20 the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, if a general election; a statement for 21 each of the offices of secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, and state 22 superintendent; for U.S. senator; representative in congress for each congressional 23 district; the state legislature; justice; court of appeals judge; circuit judge; district 24 attorney; metropolitan sewerage commission, if the commissioners are elected under 25 s. 200.09 (11) (am); and for any referenda questions submitted by the legislature.

1	<b>SECTION 4.</b> 8.03 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:
2	8.03 (2g) Subsection (1) shall not apply when a candidate whose name is
3	certified for placement on the general election ballot as a candidate for the office of
4	lieutenant governor under s. 8.16 (6) is nominated for another elective office to be
5	filled at the general election. No later than the deadline for filing a declaration of
6	candidacy under s. 8.16 (6), a candidate who is nominated under s. 8.16 (6) shall file
7	a written statement specifying the office that the candidate chooses. The candidate
8	shall file the written statement with the same person with whom he or she is required
9	to file a declaration of candidacy for the office. The filing officer shall place the
10	candidate's name on the ballot under the office chosen by the candidate in the written
11	statement and may not permit the candidate's name to appear on the ballot more
12	than once. The vacancy in nomination for the office that the candidate does not
13	choose may then be filled under s. 8.35.
14	<b>SECTION 5.</b> 8.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
15	8.15 (1m) No nomination papers may be filed under this section for the office
16	of lieutenant governor.
17	<b>SECTION 6.</b> 8.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
18	8.15 (4) (b) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of
19	candidacy under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a
20	registration statement under s. 11.05 at the time he or she files nomination papers,
21	the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. $-A$ - <u>Except as otherwise</u>
22	provided in this paragraph, a candidate for state office shall also file a statement of
23	economic interests with the ethics board under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 4:30 p.m.

on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers under sub. (1), or

25 no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last day whenever that

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1	condidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination papers under sub (1)
	candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination papers under sub. (1).
2	A candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified for
3	placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor
4	under s. 8.16 (6) shall file a statement of economic interests no later than the time
5	provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a statement of economic interests.
6	<b>SECTION 7.</b> 8.15 (8) (intro.) of the statutes is repealed.
7	<b>SECTION 8.</b> 8.15 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
8	8.15 <b>(8)</b> (a) For <u>Nomination papers required for</u> state offices and the offices of
9	U.S. senator and representative in congress, shall be filed in the office of the board.
10	<b>SECTION 9.</b> 8.15 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
11	8.15 <b>(8)</b> (b) For <u>Nomination papers required for</u> county offices <del>,</del> <u>shall be filed</u> in
12	the office of the county clerk or board of election commissioners.
13	<b>SECTION 10.</b> 8.16 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
14	<b>8.16 (1)</b> Except as provided in sub. (2) subs. (2) and (6), the person who receives
15	the greatest number of votes for an office on a party ballot at any partisan primary,
16	regardless of whether the person's name appears on the ballot, shall be the party's
17	candidate for the office, and the person's name shall so appear on the official ballot
18	at the next election. All independent candidates shall appear on the general election
19	ballot regardless of the number of votes received by such candidates at the
20	September primary.
21	<b>SECTION 11.</b> 8.16 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:
22	8.16 (6) The persons who receive the greatest number of votes respectively for
23	the offices of governor and lieutenant governor on any party ballot at a primary <u>No</u>
24	later than 2 days after certification of the nomination of the candidate of each
25	recognized political party for the office of governor under s. 7.70 (3) (g), each

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candidate so nominated shall certify to the board in writing the name of a candidate 1 2 of the same party for the office of lieutenant governor and shall notify the candidate 3 for the office of lieutenant governor in writing of the certification. The candidate for 4 the office of lieutenant governor shall file a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21 and 5 a statement of economic interests under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 3 days after receipt of the notification. The candidate for the office of lieutenant governor shall file a 6 7 registration statement under s. 11.05 no later than 3 days after receipt of the notification, unless the candidate has already filed a registration statement. The 8 9 candidate for the office of governor certified under s. 7.70 (3) (g) and the candidate 10 for the office of lieutenant governor certified under this subsection shall be the 11 party's joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, and their 12 names shall so appear on the official ballot at the next election.

13 **SECTION 12.** 8.21 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 8.21 Declaration of candidacy. Each candidate, except a candidate for 15 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 16 17 (1), 8.20 (8) (a) or 8.50 (3) (a), or the time provided under s. 8.16 (2) or 8.35 (2) (c), or, 18 in the case of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor 19 under s. 8.16 (6), the time provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a declaration of 20 21 candidacy. A candidate shall file the declaration with the officer or agency with 22 which nomination papers are filed for the office which the candidate seeks, or if 23 nomination papers are not required, with the clerk or board of election 24 commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the candidate seeks office. The declaration shall be sworn to before any officer authorized to administer oaths. The 25

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1 declaration shall contain the name of the candidate in the form specified under s. 2 8.10 (2) (b) for candidates for nonpartisan office or s. 8.15 (5) (a) or 8.20 (2) (a) for 3 candidates for partisan office, and shall state that the signer is a candidate for a 4 named office, that he or she meets or will at the time he or she assumes office meet 5 applicable age, citizenship, residency or voting qualification requirements, if any, 6 prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and of this state, and 7 that he or she will otherwise qualify for office if nominated and elected. The 8 declaration shall include the candidate's name in the form in which it will appear on 9 the ballot. Each candidate for state and local office shall include in the declaration 10 a statement that he or she has not been convicted of any infamous crime for which 11 he or she has not been pardoned and a list of all felony convictions for which he or 12 she has not been pardoned. In addition, each candidate for state or local office shall 13 include in the declaration a statement that discloses his or her municipality of 14 residence for voting purposes, and the street and number, if any, on which the 15 candidate resides. The declaration is valid with or without the seal of the officer who 16 administers the oath. A candidate for state or local office shall file an amended 17 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 18 19 before the candidate assumes office or is defeated for election or nomination.

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**SECTION 13.** 8.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.30 (2) If no registration statement has been filed by or on behalf of a candidate
for state or local office in accordance with s. 11.05 (2g) or (2r) by the applicable
deadline for filing nomination papers by such candidate, or by the deadline for filing
a declaration of candidacy for an office for which nomination papers are not filed. or,
in the case of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified

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for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor 1 2 under s. 8.16 (6), by the deadline provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a registration 3 statement, the name of the candidate may not appear on the ballot. This subsection 4 may not be construed to exempt a candidate from applicable penalties if he or she 5 files a registration statement later than the time prescribed in ss. 11.01 (1) and 11.05 6 (2g). 7 **SECTION 14.** 8.35 (1) of the statutes is amended to read: 8 8.35 (1) Any Except as provided under s. 8.03 (2g), any person who files 9 nomination papers and gualifies to appear on the ballot may not decline nomination. The name of that person shall appear upon the ballot except in case of death of the 10 11 person or in the case of a person who declines nomination under s. 8.03 (2g). A person 12 who is appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination or who is nominated by write-in 13 votes is deemed to decline nomination if he or she fails to file a declaration of 14 candidacy within the time prescribed under sub. (2) (c) or s. 8.16 (2). 15 **SECTION 15.** 8.35 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read: 16 8.35 (2) (a) If a vacancy occurs after nomination due to the death of a candidate 17 of a recognized political party for a partisan office or due to the declination of a 18 candidate of a recognized political party under s. 8.03 (2g), the vacancy may be filled by the chairperson of the committee of the proper political party under s. 7.38, or the 19 20 personal campaign committee, if any, in the case of independent candidates. Similar 21 vacancies in nominations of candidates for nonpartisan local offices may be filled by 22 the candidate's personal campaign committee or, if the candidate had none, by the 23 body which governs the local governmental unit in which the deceased person was 24 a candidate for office. The chairperson, chief officer of the committee, or clerk of the 25 body making an appointment shall file a certificate of appointment with the official

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or agency with whom declarations of candidacy for the office are filed. For purposes
 of this paragraph, the official or agency need not recognize members of a personal
 campaign committee whose names were not filed under s. 11.05 prior to the death
 of the candidate.

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**SECTION 16.** 8.35 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 8.35 (2) (b) If a vacancy in nomination occurs due to the death of a candidate 7 or due to the declination of a candidate under s. 8.03 (2g), the officer or agency with 8 whom nomination papers are filed for the office shall promptly notify the 9 chairperson, committee or body, if any, that the vacancy may be filled within 4 days 10 of the date of the notice, as shown by the postmark if the notice is mailed. The 11 chairperson, committee or body may file a sworn certificate of nomination with the 12 official or agency within the 4–day period.

13 SECTION 17. 8.35 (4) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.35 (4) (a) 1. (intro.) When a candidate is appointed <u>under this section</u> to fill
a vacancy <u>under this section caused by the death of a candidate</u>, the funds remaining
in the former candidate's depository after payment of the former candidate's lawful
campaign debts, if any, shall be:

**SECTION 18.** 8.35 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.35 (4) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), any unspent and unencumbered moneys
received by a <u>deceased</u> candidate from the Wisconsin election campaign fund shall
be immediately transferred to any candidate who is appointed to replace such
candidate, upon filing of a proper application therefor under s. 11.50 (2). If there is
no candidate appointed or if no proper application is filed within 7 days of the date
on which the vacancy occurs, such moneys shall revert to the state as provided in s.
11.50 (8).

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1	<b>SECTION 19.</b> 11.05 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	11.05 (3m) VACANCIES IN NOMINATION. Any personal campaign committee of an
3	independent candidate for partisan office or a candidate for nonpartisan county or
4	municipal office may file with its registration statement a list of the members of the
5	committee, in addition to those specified in sub. (3) (e) and (f), who shall be recognized
6	by the official or agency with whom the candidate's nomination papers are filed for
7	the purpose of filling a vacancy in nomination in the event <del>of the candidate's death</del>
8	that the candidate declines nomination under s. 8.03 (2g) or dies. The board shall
9	provide a place on the statement for such designations.
10	<b>SECTION 20.</b> 11.50 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
11	11.50 (1) (a) 1. With respect to a spring or general election, any individual who
12	is certified under s. 7.08 (2) (a) as a candidate in the spring election for justice or state
13	superintendent, or an individual who receives at least 6% of the vote cast for all
14	candidates on all ballots for any state office, except district attorney, for which the
15	individual is a candidate at the September primary and who is certified under s. 7.08
16	(2) (a) as a candidate for that office in the general election, or an individual who has
17	been lawfully appointed and certified to replace either such individual on the ballot
18	at the spring or general election; and who has qualified for a grant under sub. (2).
19	For purposes of this subdivision, a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor
20	whose name is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate
21	for the office of governor under s. 8.16 (6) is considered to receive the same percentage
22	of the September primary vote as the candidate for the office of governor certifying
23	his or her name.

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24 **SECTION 21.** 11.50 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	11.50 (2) (a) Any individual who desires to qualify as an eligible candidate may
2	file an application with the board requesting approval to participate in the fund. The
3	application shall be filed no later than the applicable deadline for filing nomination
4	papers under s. 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15 (1), 8.20 (8) (a) or 8.50 (3) (a), no later than 4:30 p.m.
5	on the 7th day after the primary or date on which the primary would be held if
6	required in the case of write-in candidates <u>and candidates for the office of lieutenant</u>
7	governor whose names are certified for placement on the general election ballot by
8	<u>a candidate for the office of governor under s. 8.16 (6)</u> , or no later than 4:30 p.m. on
9	the 7th day after appointment in the case of candidates appointed to fill vacancies.
10	The application shall contain a sworn statement that the candidate and his or her
11	authorized agents have complied with the contribution limitations prescribed in s.
12	11.26 and the disbursement limitations prescribed under s. 11.31 at all times to
13	which such limitations have applied to his or her candidacy and will continue to
14	comply with the limitations at all times to which the limitations apply to his or her
15	candidacy for the office in contest, unless the board determines that the candidate
16	is not eligible to receive a grant, the candidate withdraws his or her application
17	under par. (h), or par. (i) applies.
18	<b>SECTION 22.</b> 11.50 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

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19 11.50 (2) (b) 4. The <u>All</u> financial reports filed by or on behalf of the candidate
20 as of the date of the spring or September primary, or the date that the special primary
21 is or would be held, if required, indicate that his or her statement filed with the
22 application under par. (a) is true; and

23 **SECTION 23.** 11.50 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

11.50 (2) (b) 5. The financial reports filed by or on behalf of the candidate as
of the date of the spring or September primary, or the date that the special primary

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is or would be held, if required, indicate that the candidate has received at least the 1 2 amount provided in this subdivision, from contributions of money, other than loans, 3 made by individuals, which have been received during the period ending on the date 4 of the spring primary and July 1 preceding such date in the case of candidates at the 5 spring election, or the date of the September primary and January 1 preceding such 6 date in the case of candidates at the general election, or the date that a special 7 primary will or would be held, if required, and 90 days preceding such date or the 8 date a special election is ordered, whichever is earlier, in the case of special election 9 candidates, which contributions are in the aggregate amount of \$100 or less, and 10 which are fully identified and itemized as to the exact source thereof. A contribution 11 received from a conduit which is identified by the conduit as originating from an 12 individual shall be considered a contribution made by the individual. Only the first 13 \$100 of an aggregate contribution of more than \$100 may be counted toward the 14 required percentage. For a candidate at the spring or general election for an office 15 identified in s. 11.26 (1) (a) or (am) or a candidate at a special election, the required 16 amount to qualify for a grant is 5% of the candidate's authorized disbursement 17 limitation under s. 11.31. For any other candidate at the general election, the required amount to qualify for a grant is 10% of the candidate's authorized 18 19 disbursement limitation under s. 11.31. For the purposes of this subdivision, a 20 candidate for the officer of lieutenant governor whose name is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor under s. 8.16 21 22 (6) is considered to receive the contributions required to qualify for a grant under this 23 subdivision if the candidate for the office of lieutenant governor and the candidate 24 for the office of governor certifying his or her name together have received contributions sufficient to qualify the candidate for the office of lieutenant governor 25

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for a grant under this subdivision. Contributions required to qualify a candidate for 1 2 the office of governor for a grant under this subdivision shall not be included in 3 calculating the combined contributions for the candidate for the office of governor 4 and the candidate for the office of lieutenant governor under this subdivision. 5 **SECTION 24.** 19.42 (4) of the statutes is amended to read: 6 19.42 (4) "Candidate for state public office" means any individual who files 7 nomination papers and a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21 or who is nominated 8 at a caucus under s. 8.05 (1) for the purpose of appearing on the ballot for election 9 as a state public official or, any individual who is nominated for the purpose of 10 appearing on the ballot for election as a state public official through the write-in 11 process or by appointment to fill a vacancy in nomination and who files a declaration 12 of candidacy under s. 8.21, or any individual whose name is certified for placement 13 on the general election ballot as a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor 14 under s. 8.16 (6) and who files a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21. 15 **SECTION 25.** 19.43 (4) of the statutes is amended to read: 16 19.43 (4) A candidate for state public office shall file with the board a statement 17 of economic interests meeting each of the requirements of s. 19.44 (1) no later than 18 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers for the 19 office which the candidate seeks, or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day 20 after the last day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing 21 nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.05 (1) (j), 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15 22 (1) or 8.20 (8) (a), no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 5th day after notification of 23 nomination is mailed or personally delivered to the candidate by the municipal clerk 24 in the case of a candidate who is nominated at a caucus, or no later than 4:30 p.m. 25 on the 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to

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the candidate by the appropriate official or agency in the case of a write-in candidate 1 2 or candidate who is appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination under s. 8.35 (2) (a), or 3 no later than the time provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a statement of economic 4 interests in the case of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office 5 of governor under s. 8.16 (6). The information contained on the statement shall be 6 7 current as of December 31 of the year preceding the filing deadline. Before certifying 8 the name of any candidate for state public office under s. 7.08 (2) (a), the elections 9 board, municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall ascertain whether 10 that candidate has complied with this subsection. If not, the elections board, 11 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may not certify the candidate's 12 name for ballot placement.

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