

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 514

1 AN ACT relating to: reconciling conflicts and repelling unintended repeals
2 (Revisor's Correction Bill).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

3 SECTION 1. 7.41 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.41 (4) ~~AN~~ NO individual exercising the right under sub. (1) may ~~not~~ view any
5 records to which access by observers is prohibited under s. 7.39 (5). ~~The~~ the
6 confidential portion of a registration list maintained under s. 6.36 (4) or a poll list
7 maintained under s. 6.79 (6). ~~However, the~~ inspectors shall disclose to such an
8 individual, upon request, the existence of confidential records specified in s. 7.39 (5)
9 and the information required to be provided to observers under s. 7.39 (5) ~~such a list,~~
10 the number of electors whose names appear on the list, and the number of those

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1 electors who have voted at any point in the proceedings. No observer may view the
2 certificate–affidavit form of an absent elector who obtains a confidential listing
3 under s. 6.47 (2).

NOTE: 1999 Wis. Act 49 created a class of electors, domestic abuse victims, who can vote anonymously to avoid detection by stalking abusers. 1999 Wis. Act 49 created language in s. 7.39 (5) and created s. 7.41 (4), which depends on s. 7.39 (5) for its efficacy, to prevent persons observing elections from viewing a registration list that identifies domestic abuse victims who voted anonymously. 1999 Wis. Act 182, without taking Act 49 into account, repealed s. 7.39 in its entirety in the process of removing all references in ch. 7 to “observers.” This bill recreates in s. 7.41 (4) the language added to s. 7.39 (5) in order to give effect to the treatment of those 2 provisions by Act 49.

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