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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2001 5:05 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Bill 339

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tweedie, Karen [mailto:ktweedie@town-menasha.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2001 4:13 PM  
**To:** 'Rep.Freese@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Rep.Ladwig@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Rep.Stone@legis.state.wi.us';  
'Rep.Fitzgerald@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Rep.Travis@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Rep.Pocan@legis.state.wi.us';  
'Rebecca.Koshere@legis.state.wi.us'  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 339

Representatives,

Please support Bill 339! As Deputy Clerk for the town of Menasha, I would gladly have offered my assistance to our election deputies during election time, particularly at the Presidential where we were in desperate need.

It is true, a Deputy can do anything and everything else on the day of the election from the long preparation of forms, handing meetings, visiting the polls when problems arise. I feel there is a need for all the help one can get with registration. People get very frustrated waiting in long lines.

I support.

Thank you for listening, and thank you in advance for your support!

*Karen*

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2001 11:16 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Election Inspectors Assembly Bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Village of Egg Harbor [mailto:villageeh@dcwis.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2001 10:47 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Ladwig@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Stone@legis.state.wi.us;  
Rep.Fitzgerald@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Travis@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Pocan@legis.state.wi.us;  
Rebecca.Koshere@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Election Inspectors Assembly Bill 339

Please see the attached message.  
Pat Gureski, Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Egg Harbor  
P.O. Box 175  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209 (Pop. 250)  
Tel: (920) 868-3334  
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November 30, 2001

TO: COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

FROM: PAT GURESKI, CLERK-TREASURER  
VILLAGE OF EGG HARBOR, DOOR COUNTY, WI

Please positively consider and act on changing the election process to allow registration deputies and election inspectors to be drawn from eligible voters of the state instead of only the immediate municipality in which the election is taking place.

I, too, am an appointed clerk who lives just outside of the municipality that I have served for the past fifteen years and have not been able to serve as an election inspector or election deputy because of this residency restriction. However, I know from my daily work in the municipality and with the voter registration list better than any other who is an eligible voter within my municipality.

Changing this residency requirement would also enable me to draw from other eligible persons to work at the polls, if I come up short for workers from within my immediate municipality.

## Griffiths, Terri

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*From:* Richard, Rob  
*Sent:* Monday, December 03, 2001 1:56 PM  
*To:* Griffiths, Terri  
*Subject:* FW: AB 339

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy Ingram [mailto:singram@ci.cedarburg.wi.us]  
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2001 1:30 PM  
To: Rep.Freese@legis.state.wi.us  
Subject: FW: AB 339

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sandy Ingram  
> Sent: Monday, December 03, 2001 7:18 AM  
> To: 'Rep. Ladwig@legis.state.wi.us, Rep.Stone@legis.state.wi.us,  
> Rep.Fritzgerald@legis.state.wi.us, Rep.Travis@legis.state.wi.us,  
> Rep.Pocan@legis.state.wi.us, Rebecca.Koshere@legis.state.wi.us'  
> Cc: 'viloftwinlakes@techheadnet.com'  
> Subject: AB 339

> I am writing in support of AB 339. Clerks and Deputy Clerks are  
> entrusted with the responsibility of properly registering electors and  
> keeping an accurate listing of registered voters on every day other  
> than election day. Why should this responsibility not carry over to  
> election day at the polls? Who would be better qualified, accurate  
> and up to date on proper registration requirements? Registering  
> voters would not involve Clerks or Deputy Clerks in the actual voting  
> procedure.

> Thank you for your consideration of AB 339.

> Sandra Ingram  
> City Clerk  
> City of Cedarburg  
> Phone: (262) 375-7606  
> Fax: (262) 375-7906  
> Population 11,196

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2001 11:18  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: AB 339

-----Original Message-----

**From:** village of Monticello [mailto:[vilofmonticello@tds.net](mailto:vilofmonticello@tds.net)]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2001 8:21 AM  
**To:** Rep Freese  
**Subject:** AB 339

Please support AB 339.

Carol A. Strause,  
Certified Municipal Clerk-Treas.  
Village of Monticello (pop 1146)  
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**Village of****Germantown***Willkommen***OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK**

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Germantown, Wisconsin 53022-0337

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December 5, 2001

State Representative Samantha Starzyk  
State Capital  
Room 109 West  
P O Box 8953  
Madison WI 53708

**ASSEMBLY BILL 339**

Representative Starzyk:

We are writing at the request of Dorothy Sandona, MMC, Clerk for the Village of Twin Lakes, in support of Assembly Bill 339.

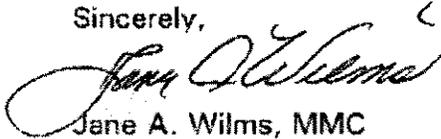
This Bill would allow for municipal clerks and deputy clerks, who are not residents of the municipalities they serve, to register people to vote on election day. In most municipalities the clerk's office is only staffed by one, two or maybe three full or part-time people. The inability of these public servants to do their job on election day, creates an added burden on the remaining staff and adds further inconvenience to the public.

This Bill also provides for the opportunity to have additional people appointed as reserve election officials, even though they may not be a resident of the municipality. We do have a concern that we will still have a difficult time finding people to fill not only the regular election workers positions, but also individuals to serve as reserve election officials. Today, there are very few households where both spouses do not work. We rely very heavily on our retired population to fill the need of the election official. Yet, many of our retired residents head to a warmer climate during our peak election season. Others, lead full and active lives. So while this Bill does provide for additional sources of election officials, and will alleviate problems associated with residency of appointed staff for registration purposes, we do not believe it will solve the problem of finding people willing to serve on election day.

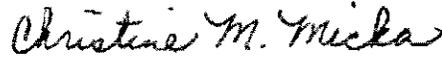
Representative Starzyk  
December 5, 2001  
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We look forward to your support and adoption of Assembly Bill 339.

Sincerely,

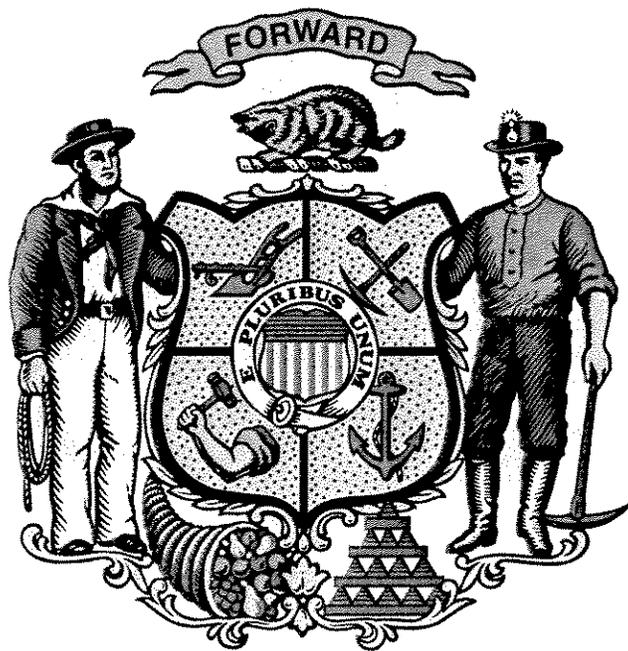


Jane A. Wilms, MMC  
Village Clerk



Christine M. Micka  
Deputy Village Clerk

cc: Representative Susan Jeskewitz  
Representative Stephen J. Freese  
Representative Scott Walker  
Representative Bonnie Ladwig





**Testimony before the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections  
by  
Senator Robert Wirch  
Assembly Bill 339  
December 6, 2001**

Thank you Representative Freese and members of the Committee for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

The intent of Assembly Bill 339 is to give municipal clerks more flexibility in registering voters and recruiting poll workers. Under current state law, a deputy clerk who does not live in the municipality they work can register voters every day of the year except election days. This bill will change the statutes by allowing any special registration deputy or any election official appointed to fill a vacancy to register voters throughout the year, including election days. Further, they will not be required to be an elector of the particular municipality, though they must be an elector of the state.

In addition, Assembly Bill 339 will also permit a municipality or board of election commissioners to appoint reserve inspectors who may be used to staff polling places in the event of a high turn out election. These reserve poll workers do not need to be appointed on the basis of party affiliation and are not required to be an elector of the municipality or ward they are serving, though they must be an elector of the state. The reserve poll workers simply are provided in the event that the regularly appointed inspectors cannot adequately serve the number of electors voting.

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Representative Starzyk and I have introduced companion bills to address the issue of residency qualifications for certain election officials. The passage of this legislation will ensure that clerks around the state will be better equipped to serve the residents in their municipalities.

I support this legislation and hope that the committee will act favorably on Assembly Bill 339. Thank you for your consideration.