

## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 123

March 5, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE, GUNDERSON, BIES, VRAKAS, HINES, LADWIG, STONE, OTT, HUNDERTMARK, KESTELL, ALBERS, OWENS, MUSSER and AINSWORTH, cosponsored by Senators S. FITZGERALD, STEPP and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1     **AN ACT to create** 5.05 (11), 20.002 (11) (d) 2m., 20.510 (1) (x), 25.17 (1) (e) and  
2             25.425 of the statutes; **relating to:** financing of election administration costs,  
3             creation of an election administration fund, and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, this state is eligible to receive federal financial assistance for the purchase of voting equipment, compliance with federal requirements for the conduct of federal elections and other election administration costs, construction of barrier-free polling places, and outreach and training of election officials to enable greater participation of individuals with disabilities in federal elections. To be eligible for most of this federal assistance, this state must make expenditures from state moneys equal to at least 5% of the amount spent by this state for the same purposes for which federal assistance is received.

This bill appropriates to the Elections Board all amounts received by this state from the federal government under this act. The bill does not provide any state matching contribution. The bill permits the Elections Board to use the federal aid to provide financial assistance to eligible counties and municipalities for election administration purposes authorized by federal law. The bill also establishes a segregated fund, as required by federal law, for disbursement of all federal moneys to be expended for election administration purposes under the Help America Vote Act.

