



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 143 [2003 Assembly Bill 518]	Requirements for Certification for Chief Election Inspector Position
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2003 Wisconsin Act 143 repeals the examination requirement applicable to certification as a chief election inspector.

Under current law, an individual may not serve as the chief inspector (chief poll worker) at a polling place in Wisconsin unless the individual is certified by the State Elections Board as being qualified to hold that position. The Elections Board conducts regular training programs to ensure that individuals seeking certification are knowledgeable concerning the authority and responsibilities of chief inspectors. Prior to enactment of Act 143, the board was also required to administer, and an individual seeking to be certified as chief inspector was required to pass, an examination testing the knowledge of the individual regarding the authority and responsibilities of a chief inspector.

Responding to concerns that the examination requirement was too onerous and acted as a disincentive to participation in the certification program, the Legislature enacted Act 143, which eliminates the requirement that the board administer, and an individual complete, an examination for purposes of certification as a chief election inspector.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 143 is March 25, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.