



2005 SENATE BILL 634

February 27, 2006 – Introduced by Senator REYNOLDS. Referred to Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform.

1 **AN ACT to create** 6.321 of the statutes; **relating to:** verification of the citizenship
2 status of registering electors and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Elections Board, by rule, to prescribe a procedure for verifying the citizenship status of electors who register to vote at the time of registration using such official information as may be available to the board from the federal government. The board must ensure that information used is the most current information available. Under the procedure, the board must require inspectors (poll workers) and municipal clerks who accept absentee ballots to challenge the votes of all registrants who are not U.S. citizens in accordance with the existing process for challenging the qualifications of electors. Under that process, an elector who is challenged may still cast a ballot, but the ballot is marked and may be reviewed during the canvassing process or in court.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 6.321 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **6.321 Verification of registrant citizenship status.** The board shall
5 prescribe, by rule, a procedure for verifying the citizenship status of electors who

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1 register to vote at the time of registration using such official information as may be
2 available to the board from the federal government. The board shall ensure that
3 information used under this section is the most current information available.
4 Under the procedure, the board shall require that inspectors or municipal clerks
5 challenge the votes of all registrants who are not U.S. citizens using the procedure
6 prescribed in s. 6.95.

7 (END)