

## 2005-06 SESSION

### COMMITTEE HEARING RECORDS

#### Assembly Committee on Campaigns & Elections (AC-CE)

Sample:

#### Record of Comm. Proceedings ... RCP

- 05hrAC-EdR\_RCP\_pt01a
- 05hrAC-EdR\_RCP\_pt01b
- 05hrAC-EdR\_RCP\_pt02

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➤ Clearinghouse Rules ... CRule

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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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*Terry C. Anderson, Director*  
*Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN FREESE

FROM: Robert J. Conlin, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Proposal Regarding Military Ballots

DATE: April 8, 2005

This memorandum summarizes a proposal you are considering regarding the treatment of certain absentee ballots cast by certain military electors.

### **SENDING BALLOTS TO MILITARY ELECTORS**

Under the proposal, a municipal clerk would be required to automatically send an absentee ballot for each subsequent election to each military elector who applies for, and qualifies for, an absentee ballot at any election. This requirement would continue until such military elector requests that ballots no longer be sent, until such time as the clerk receives reliable information that the elector no longer qualifies as a military elector, or until such time as a military elector fails to cast an absentee ballot for three successive general elections. The proposal would require the municipal clerk to notify, in writing, a military elector who fails to cast any absentee ballot in a four-year period to determine whether the elector wishes to continue to receive ballots or whether the elector remains qualified to receive an automatic ballot under the proposal.

The proposal would define a "military elector" to be a member of the uniformed services on active duty who, by reason of that duty, is absent from the residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote in Wisconsin; a member of the merchant marine, who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, is absent from the residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote in Wisconsin; or the spouse or dependent of any such member who, by reason of the duty or service of the member, is absent from the residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote in Wisconsin. "Active duty" status will be determined as of election day.

The proposal would also extend the deadline for sending absentee ballots by fax and email to these military electors. Under the proposal, a municipal clerk would be required to respond to requests for absentee ballots by military electors by fax or email up until 5 p.m. on election day.

**LATE ARRIVING MILITARY BALLOTS**

Under the proposal, an absentee ballot cast and sent by mail from any location by a military elector for the September primary or November general election could be counted if it bears a postal cancellation mark dated on or before the date of the election for which the ballot was cast and if it is received by the municipal clerk by mail not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the September primary or not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the November general election.

The proposal would require that the municipal clerk post notice of the number of these military ballots outstanding as of the close of the polls. The names of military electors who have not returned ballots by the close of the polls must be withheld.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at the Legislative Council staff offices.

RJC:rv

**Vote Record**  
**Committee on Campaigns and Elections**

Date: 5/12/05

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: G

AB 317

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

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SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

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- Passage   
  Adoption   
  Confirmation   
  Concurrence   
  Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction   
  Rejection   
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  Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

**Representative Stephen Freese, Chair**

Aye    No    Absent    Not Voting

**Representative Mark Gundrum**

**Representative Jeffrey Wood**

**Representative Robin Vos**

**Representative David Travis**

**Representative Frederick Kessler**

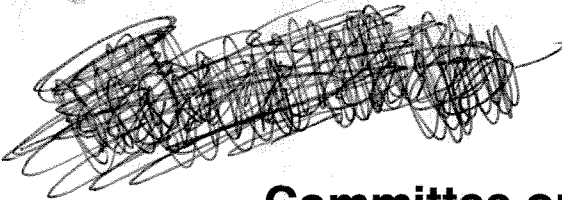
          

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Vote Record

Committee on Campaigns and Elections

Date: 5/12/05 Assembly  
Bill Number: 377 amendment 1 to AB 317  
Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion: UNANIMOUS introduction

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adoption: Kessler - Travis

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
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Date: 5/12/05

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Seconded by: T

AB 377

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**Committee Member**

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