



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 83
[2007 Assembly Bill 152]

**Nomination of Candidates
for Village Offices**

Current law provides that candidates for elective village office are nominated by caucus unless a majority of the governing body of a village, no later than December 1 preceding the election, or a charter ordinance provides that candidates for village office be nominated by a nonpartisan primary.

2007 Wisconsin Act 83 changes the nomination process for candidates for elective village office. Under the Act, candidates are nominated by caucus, except that candidates may be nominated by a primary or nomination papers if one of the following occurs:

- No later than December 1 preceding the election, a majority of the governing body of a village provides for the nomination of candidates for village office by nomination papers. Under this option, the governing body may, no later than three days after the deadline for filing nomination papers, provide for the nomination of candidates at the spring primary.
- No later than December 1 preceding the election, the electors of a village, equal to at least 10% of the vote for Governor in the village at the last general election, file a petition with the village clerk requesting a primary.
- The village provides by charter ordinance that whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for a village office, a primary to nominate candidates for the office is held.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on March 27, 2008, and first applies with respect to the nomination of candidates for village offices at the 2009 spring election.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.