



## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 163

March 19, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives BERCEAU, ROYS, ZEPNICK, HILGENBERG and SMITH, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 704.43 of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing certain political  
2           signs on rental premises.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a condominium bylaw or rule may not prohibit a unit owner from displaying in his or her unit a sign that supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a referendum question. This bill prohibits a landlord from prohibiting a tenant from displaying a sign that is in support of or opposition to a candidate for public office or a referendum question; is not larger than 28 inches by 22 inches; is displayed in or on a window, door, or balcony of the rental premises; and is displayed only during the period that begins 30 days before an election and ends 15 days after the election. The bill also provides that any provision in a rental agreement that violates the prohibition is void and unenforceable, and that the display of a sign in any manner that would violate any federal law, any local law, or another state law that is applicable to the tenant is prohibited.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 704.43 of the statutes is created to read:

