

1           **SECTION 63.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           6.36 (2) (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication  
3 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted  
4 to vote. Proof Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), proof of residence is  
5 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector  
6 registers by mail or by electronic application or has not confirmed his or her  
7 registration under s. 6.256 (7) and has not previously voted in an election in this  
8 state.

9           **SECTION 64.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10          6.40 (1) (a) 1. Any registered elector shall transfer registration after a change  
11 of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk or by mailing  
12 to the municipal clerk a signed request stating his or her present address, affirming  
13 that this will be his or her residence for 10 days prior to the election and providing  
14 the address where he or she was last registered. Alternatively, the elector may  
15 transfer his or her registration at the proper polling place or other registration  
16 location under s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a), or, if the elector has a  
17 current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current  
18 and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector may transfer his or  
19 her registration electronically under s. 6.30 (5). If an elector is voting in the ward  
20 or election district where the elector formerly resided, the change shall be effective  
21 for the next election.

22          **SECTION 65.** 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23          6.40 (1) (c) *Name change.* Whenever an elector's name is legally changed,  
24 including a change by marriage or divorce, the elector shall transfer his or her  
25 registration to his or her legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the

1 municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name.  
2 Alternatively, a registered elector may make notification of a name change at his or  
3 her polling place under s. 6.55 (2) (d), or, if the elector has a current and valid  
4 operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid  
5 identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector may make notification of a  
6 name change electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

7 **SECTION 66.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to  
9 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29  
10 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to  
11 the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s.  
12 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

13 **SECTION 67.** 6.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **6.54 Failure to register; rights.** No name may be added to the registration  
15 list after the close of registration, but any person whose name is not on the  
16 registration list or whose registration has not been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7), if  
17 confirmation is required, but who is otherwise a qualified elector, is entitled to vote  
18 at the election upon compliance with s. 6.29 or 6.55.

19 **SECTION 68.** 6.55 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **6.55 (title) Polling place registration and registration confirmation;**  
21 **voting by certification.**

22 **SECTION 69.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.55 (2) (a) 1. Except where the procedure under par. (c) or (cm) is employed,  
24 any person who qualifies as an elector in the ward or election district where he or she  
25 desires to vote, but has not previously filed a registration form, whose registration

1 appears on the registration list but has not been confirmed under s. 6.256 (7) or who  
2 was registered at another location, may request permission to vote at the polling  
3 place for that ward or election district, or at an alternate polling place assigned under  
4 s. 5.25 (5) (b). When a proper request is made, the inspector shall require the person  
5 to execute a registration form or confirmation form prescribed by the board. The An  
6 original registration form shall be completed in the manner provided under s. 6.33  
7 (2) and shall contain all information required under s. 6.33 (1), together with the  
8 following certification:

9 "I, ..., hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,  
10 having resided at .... for at least 10 days immediately preceding this election, and I  
11 have not voted at this election."

12 **SECTION 70.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the a registration form or confirmation form under  
14 par. (a), the elector shall provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. If the elector cannot  
15 provide proof of residence, the information contained in the elector's registration  
16 form or confirmation form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any  
17 another elector who resides in the same municipality as the registering elector and  
18 that contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The  
19 corroborator shall then provide proof of residence as provided in s. 6.34. If the elector  
20 is registering to vote or confirming his or her registration in the general election and  
21 the elector presents a valid driver's license issued by another state, the inspector or  
22 deputy shall record on a separate list the name and address of the elector, the name  
23 of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the license. The signing  
24 by the elector executing the registration form or confirmation form and the signing  
25 by any corroborator shall be in the presence of the special registration deputy or

1 inspector who shall then print his or her name on and sign the form, indicating that  
2 the deputy or inspector has accepted the form. Upon compliance with this procedure,  
3 the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector complies with all  
4 other requirements for voting at the polling place.

5 **SECTION 71.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:

6 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration or confirmation of registration  
7 under par. (a) at the a polling place under pars. (a) and (b), the board of election  
8 commissioners, or the governing body of any municipality may by resolution require  
9 a person who qualifies as an elector and who is not registered or confirmed and  
10 desires to register or confirm his or her registration on the day of an election to do  
11 so at another readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place  
12 serving the elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25  
13 (5) (b), instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case,  
14 the municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the  
15 polling place. The elector who desires to register or confirm his or her registration  
16 shall execute a registration form or confirmation form as prescribed under par. (a)  
17 and provide proof of residence as provided under s. 6.34. If the elector cannot provide  
18 proof of residence, the information contained in the registration form or confirmation  
19 form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). If the elector is  
20 registering to vote or confirming his or her registration in the general election and  
21 the elector presents a valid driver's license issued by another state, the municipal  
22 clerk, deputy clerk, or special registration deputy shall record on a separate list the  
23 name and address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and  
24 expiration date of the license. The signing by the elector executing the registration  
25 form or confirmation form and the signing by any corroborator shall be in the

1 presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy. The  
2 municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration deputy shall then print  
3 his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk, deputy clerk, or deputy  
4 has accepted the form. ~~Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk,~~  
5 ~~deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall serially number the registration and~~  
6 ~~give one copy to the elector for presentation at the polling place serving the elector's~~  
7 ~~residence or an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).~~

8 2. Upon compliance with the procedures under subd. 1., the municipal clerk or  
9 deputy clerk shall issue a certificate addressed to the inspectors of the proper polling  
10 place directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her vote if the elector  
11 complies with all requirements for voting at the polling place. The clerk shall enter  
12 the name and address of the elector on the face of the certificate. If the elector's  
13 registration or confirmation is corroborated, the clerk shall also enter the name and  
14 address of the corroborator on the face of the certificate. The certificate shall be  
15 numbered serially and prepared in duplicate. The municipal clerk shall preserve one  
16 copy in his or her office.

17 **SECTION 72.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for  
19 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name  
20 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m)  
21 as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area  
22 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that  
23 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote or to confirm a  
24 registration in accordance with s. 6.256 (7) under this subsection or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.,  
25 the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list. If the name of

1 an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the inspectors or special  
2 registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's agent that the elector  
3 is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's agent maintains that the  
4 elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or special registration  
5 deputies shall permit the elector to register or to confirm his or her registration but  
6 shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of  
7 Corrections." If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to  
8 vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

9 **SECTION 73.** 6.55 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.55 (5) Any person who ~~violates~~ falsifies a statement under this section may  
11 be punished as provided in ss. 12.13 (3) (g) and 12.60 (1) (b).

12 **SECTION 74.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. When any elector provides proof of  
14 residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2), the election officials shall enter the type of  
15 identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained under sub.  
16 (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence includes a number  
17 which applies only to the individual holding that document, the election officials  
18 shall also enter that number on the list. When any elector corroborates the  
19 registration ~~identity or residence~~ or confirmation of registration of any person  
20 offering to vote under s. 6.55 (2) (b) or (c), or the registration ~~identity or residence~~ or  
21 confirmation of any person registering on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the  
22 election officials shall also enter the name and address of the corroborator next to the  
23 name of the elector whose information is being corroborated on the poll list, or the  
24 separate list maintained under sub. (2) (c). When any person offering to vote has

1 been challenged and taken the oath, following the person's name on the poll list, the  
2 officials shall enter the word "Sworn".

3 **SECTION 75.** 6.855 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **6.855 (title) Alternate absentee ballot site sites.**

5 **SECTION 76.** 6.855 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.855 (1) The governing body of a municipality may elect to designate ~~a site~~  
7 one or more sites other than the office of the municipal clerk or board of election  
8 commissioners as ~~the a~~ location from which electors of the municipality may request  
9 and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee ballots ~~shall~~ may be returned  
10 by electors for any election. ~~The designated site shall be located as near as~~  
11 ~~practicable to the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners and~~  
12 ~~no~~ No alternate site may be designated that affords an advantage to any political  
13 party. An election by a governing body to designate an alternate site under this  
14 section shall be made no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots  
15 are available for the primary under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is scheduled to be  
16 held, or ~~at least~~ no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are  
17 available for the election under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is not scheduled to be  
18 held, and shall remain in effect until at least the day after the election. ~~If the~~  
19 ~~governing body of a municipality makes an election under this section, no function~~  
20 ~~related to voting and return of absentee ballots that is to be conducted at the~~  
21 ~~alternate site may be conducted in the office of the municipal clerk or board of~~  
22 ~~election commissioners.~~ An alternate site may be used for absentee voting in  
23 addition to or in lieu of use of the office of the municipal clerk or board of election  
24 commissioners. No later than the latest time specified in this subsection for  
25 designation of an alternate site for absentee voting at an election, a municipality

1 designating an alternate site shall provide written notice to the board of the  
2 designation of the site, the address of the site, and the election at which it will be in  
3 operation.

4 **SECTION 77.** 6.855 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.855 (2) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall  
6 prominently display a notice of the designation of ~~the~~ each alternate site selected  
7 under sub. (1) in the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners  
8 beginning on the date that the site is designated under sub. (1) and continuing  
9 through the period that absentee ballots are available for the election and for any  
10 primary under s. 7.15 (1) (cm). The notice shall specify the days and hours of  
11 operation of each alternate site and the days and hours of operation of the office of  
12 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners. If the municipal clerk or  
13 board of election commissioners maintains a Web site on the Internet, the clerk or  
14 board of election commissioners shall post a notice of the designation of ~~the~~ each  
15 alternate site selected under sub. (1) on the Web site during the same period that  
16 notice is displayed in the office of the clerk or board of election commissioners.

17 **SECTION 78.** 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector of a municipality who is registered to vote  
19 whenever required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector  
20 may make written application to the municipal clerk of that municipality for an  
21 official ballot by one of the following methods:

22 **SECTION 79.** 6.86 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.86 (1) (a) 3. By signing submitting a statement under sub. (2) (a).

24 **SECTION 80.** 6.86 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act ....  
25 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:



1           6.86 (1) (a) 3. By filing a request to receive absentee ballots under sub. (2m) (a)  
2 or s. 6.22 (4) or 6.24 (4).

3           **SECTION 81.** 6.86 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

4           6.86 (1) (ab) The application shall be signed by the elector except as authorized  
5 in par. (ag) and subs. (2m) (a) and (3) (a) 1.

6           **SECTION 82.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application  
8 to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or  
9 electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall need not contain a copy  
10 of the applicant's original signature. ~~An elector requesting a ballot under this~~  
11 ~~paragraph shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original~~  
12 ~~signature of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4).~~

13           **SECTION 83.** 6.86 (1) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

14           6.86 (1) (ad) The board shall prescribe the form of applications for absentee  
15 ballots by electors who vote in person at the office of the municipal clerk or an  
16 alternate site designated under s. 6.855.

17           **SECTION 84.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made by mail,  
19 facsimile transmission, or electronic mail, the application, ~~signed by the elector~~, shall  
20 be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day immediately preceding the election.  
21 If application is made in person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m.  
22 on the day preceding the election. ~~If~~ Except as provided in par. (c), if the elector is  
23 making written application for an absentee ballot at the September primary ~~or, the~~  
24 general election, the presidential preference primary, or a special election for  
25 national office, and the application indicates that the elector is a military elector, as

1 defined in s. 6.36 (2) (c), the application shall be received by the municipal clerk no  
2 later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application indicates that the reason for  
3 requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered juror, the  
4 application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application  
5 is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election, the  
6 municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court in  
7 which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall  
8 recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall  
9 then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot  
10 to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in  
11 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal  
12 clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2) or (2m), the  
13 application may be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately  
14 preceding the election.

15 **SECTION 85.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act ....  
16 (this act), is amended to read:

17 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made by mail,  
18 facsimile transmission, or electronic mail, the application shall be received no later  
19 than 5 p.m. on the 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made  
20 in person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding  
21 the election. Except as provided in par. (c), if the elector is making written  
22 application for an absentee ballot at the September primary, the general election, the  
23 presidential preference primary, or a special election for national office, and the  
24 application indicates that the elector is a military elector, as defined in s. ~~6.36 (2) (e)~~  
25 6.34 (1), the application shall be received by the municipal clerk no later than 5 p.m.

1 on election day. If the application indicates that the reason for requesting an  
2 absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered juror, the application shall be  
3 received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application is received after 5 p.m.  
4 on the Friday immediately preceding the election, the municipal clerk or the clerk's  
5 agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court in which the elector is serving  
6 as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall recess court, as soon as  
7 convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall then witness the voting  
8 procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot to the clerk or agent of  
9 the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in municipalities where absentee  
10 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk as required in s. 6.88. If  
11 application is made under sub. ~~(2)~~ or (2m), the application may be received no later  
12 than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

13 **SECTION 86.** 6.86 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.86 (1) (c) If an application is made by mail by a military elector, as defined  
15 in s. 6.22 (1) (b), by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail, the application  
16 shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the  
17 election.

18 **SECTION 87.** 6.86 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 88.** 6.86 (2m) of the statutes is renumbered 6.86 (2m) (a) and amended  
20 to read:

21 6.86 (2m) (a) An Except as provided in this subsection, any elector other than  
22 an elector who is ~~eligible to receive absentee ballots under sub. (2)~~ receives an  
23 absentee ballot under s. 6.22 (4) or 6.24 (4) (c) may by written application filed with  
24 the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides require that an  
25 absentee ballot be sent to the elector automatically for every succeeding election ~~that~~

1 ~~is held within the same calendar year in which the application is filed~~ until the  
2 elector is no longer an elector of the municipality or the elector otherwise requests.  
3 If an elector is unable to sign the application and has designated an agent with the  
4 power of attorney and the agent has authority to act on the elector's behalf, the agent  
5 may file the application. The application form and instructions shall be prescribed  
6 by the board, and furnished upon request to any elector by each municipal clerk. The  
7 municipal clerk shall thereupon mail an absentee ballot to the elector for all  
8 succeeding elections that are held in the municipality during the same calendar year  
9 ~~that the application is filed~~, except that the clerk shall not send an absentee ballot  
10 for an election if the elector's name appeared on the registration list in eligible status  
11 for a previous election following the date of the application but no longer appears on  
12 the list in eligible status. The municipal clerk shall ensure that the envelope  
13 containing the absentee ballot is clearly marked as not forwardable. If an elector who  
14 files an application under this subsection no longer resides at the same address that  
15 is indicated on the application form, the elector shall so notify the municipal clerk.  
16 The municipal clerk shall discontinue mailing absentee ballots to an elector under  
17 this subsection upon receipt of reliable information that the elector no longer  
18 qualifies for the service as an elector of the municipality. In addition, the municipal  
19 clerk shall discontinue mailing absentee ballots to an elector under this subsection  
20 if the elector fails to return the absentee ballots mailed to the elector for 2 consecutive  
21 elections. The municipal clerk shall notify the elector of any such action not taken  
22 at the elector's request within 5 days, if possible. An elector who fails to cast an  
23 absentee ballot for 2 consecutive elections but who remains qualified to receive  
24 absentee ballots under this subsection may then receive absentee ballots for

1 subsequent elections by notifying the municipal clerk that the elector wishes to  
2 continue receiving absentee ballots for subsequent elections.

3 (b) If a municipal clerk is notified by an elector that the elector's residence is  
4 changed to another municipality within this state, the municipal clerk shall forward  
5 the request to the municipal clerk of that municipality ~~and that~~. The municipal clerk  
6 shall honor the request, except as provided in this subsection of that municipality  
7 shall thereupon send an absentee ballot to the elector for each succeeding election  
8 held in the municipality until the elector is no longer an elector of the municipality  
9 or the elector otherwise requests, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

10 **SECTION 89.** 6.86 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.86 (3) (a) 1. Any elector who is registered and whose registration is confirmed,  
12 whenever confirmation is required, and who is hospitalized, may apply for and  
13 obtain an official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot for the  
14 hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and  
15 containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed  
16 by that elector and any other elector residing in the same municipality as the  
17 hospitalized elector, corroborating the information contained therein. The  
18 corroborating elector shall state on the form his or her full name and address.  
19 Notwithstanding sub. (2m) (a), if the hospitalized elector has designated the agent  
20 with the power of attorney and the agent has authority to act on the elector's behalf,  
21 the agent may sign the application form on behalf of the elector.

22 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register or confirm  
23 his or her registration by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the  
24 elector applies for an official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector  
25 under this subdivision, the agent shall present a completed registration form that

1 contains the required information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature,  
2 ~~unless the elector is unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case~~ To confirm  
3 a registration under this subdivision, the agent shall present a completed  
4 registration confirmation form under s. 6.256 (7). If the elector is unable to sign  
5 either form due to physical disability, the elector may authorize another elector to  
6 sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another elector's behalf shall  
7 attest to a statement that the application or confirmation is made on request and by  
8 authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to physical  
9 disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other information  
10 required under this subdivision. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision,  
11 the agent shall in every case provide proof of the elector's residence under s. 6.34.  
12 If the elector has designated the agent with the power of attorney and the agent has  
13 authority to act on the elector's behalf, the agent may sign the registration form on  
14 behalf of the elector. If the elector is registering to vote for or confirming an elector's  
15 registration for voting in the general election and the elector's agent presents a valid  
16 driver's license issued to the elector by another state, the municipal clerk shall record  
17 on a separate list the name and address of the elector, the name of the state, and the  
18 license number and expiration date of the license. If the agent cannot present proof  
19 of residence, the registration form or confirmation form shall be signed and  
20 substantiated by another elector residing in the elector's municipality of residence,  
21 corroborating the information in the form. The form shall contain the full name and  
22 address of the corroborating elector. The elector's agent shall then present proof of  
23 the corroborating elector's residence under s. 6.34.

24 **SECTION 90.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form  
2           or confirmation form under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the  
3           municipal clerk not earlier than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m.  
4           on the day of the election. A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under  
5           par. (a) 1. shall be made by the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors  
6           vote only once, and by absentee ballot. If Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n),  
7           if the elector is registering for the election after the close of registration or if the  
8           elector registered by mail or by electronic application or the elector confirmed his or  
9           her registration after the close of registration and has not voted in an election in this  
10          state, the municipal clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34  
11          is required and the elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the  
12          envelope with the ballot. The ballot shall be sealed by the elector and returned to the  
13          municipal clerk either by mail or by personal delivery of the agent; but if the ballot  
14          is returned on the day of the election, the agent shall make personal delivery to the  
15          polling place serving the hospitalized elector's residence before the closing hour or,  
16          in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the  
17          municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

18           **SECTION 91.** 6.86 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

19           6.86 (3) (d) A power of attorney agent is not permitted to cast an absentee ballot  
20           on behalf of a hospitalized elector, but if a hospitalized elector has difficulty reading,  
21           writing, or understanding English or due to disability is unable to mark a ballot, the  
22           elector may request assistance in marking his or her ballot from the power of  
23           attorney agent or another individual specified in s. 6.82 (2) (a).

24           **SECTION 92.** 6.865 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

25           **6.865 (title) Federal absentee ballot requests ballots.**

1           **SECTION 93.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 94.** 6.865 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

3           6.865 (3m) (a) ~~Except as provided in par. (c), if any elector who certifies~~ If an  
4 individual who will be a military elector on election day applies for an absentee  
5 ballot, the individual may certify that he or she will be a military elector on election  
6 day ~~requests an absentee ballot, the municipal clerk shall send or transmit to the~~  
7 ~~elector an absentee ballot for all elections that occur in the municipality or portion~~  
8 ~~thereof where the elector resides beginning on the date that the clerk receives the~~  
9 ~~request and ending on the day after the 3rd successive general election that follows~~  
10 ~~receipt of the request, unless the elector otherwise requests. In addition, the~~  
11 ~~municipal clerk shall continue to send or transmit to the elector an absentee ballot~~  
12 ~~for all elections ending on the day after the 3rd successive general election that~~  
13 ~~follows any election at which the elector returns an absentee ballot under this section~~  
14 ~~or renews his or her request under par. (c) and the municipal clerk shall treat the~~  
15 ballot as provided under s. 6.221.

16           **SECTION 95.** 6.865 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17           6.865 (3m) (b) A military elector may indicate an alternate address on his or  
18 her absentee ballot application. If the elector's ballot is returned as undeliverable  
19 prior to the deadline for receipt and return of absentee ballots under ~~sub. (3) s. 6.87~~  
20 (6) and the elector remains eligible to receive absentee ballots under this subsection,  
21 the municipal clerk shall immediately send or transmit an absentee ballot to the  
22 elector at the alternate address.

23           **SECTION 96.** 6.865 (3m) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

24           **SECTION 97.** 6.868 of the statutes is created to read:



1           **6.868 Period for absentee voting in person.** The period for absentee voting  
2 in person at the office of the municipal clerk or an alternate site designated under  
3 s. 6.855 begins on the 21st day before each election and ends on the day before each  
4 election.

5           **SECTION 98.** 6.869 of the statutes is amended to read:

6           **6.869 Uniform instructions.** The board shall prescribe uniform instructions  
7 for municipalities to provide to absentee voters. The instructions shall include the  
8 specific means of electronic communication that an absentee elector may use to file  
9 an application for an absentee ballot and, if the absentee elector is required to  
10 register, to request a registration form or change his or her registration. The  
11 instructions also shall include information concerning the procedure for correcting  
12 errors in marking a ballot and obtaining a replacement for a spoiled ballot. The  
13 procedure shall, to the extent possible, respect the privacy of each elector and  
14 preserve the confidentiality of each elector's vote.

15           **SECTION 99.** 6.87 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           6.87 (2) (intro.) Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk  
17 shall place the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The Except as  
18 provided in sub. (2m) and s. 6.24 (4) (d), the envelope shall have the name, official  
19 title and post-office address of the clerk upon its face. The other side of the envelope  
20 shall have a printed certificate in substantially the following form:

21           **SECTION 100.** 6.87 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

22           6.87 (2m) The board shall prescribe the form of an absentee ballot envelope for  
23 use by electors voting absentee ballots in person at the office of the municipal clerk  
24 or an alternate site designated under s. 6.855. No witness is required on such  
25 envelopes. The form shall include the words "Official Absentee Ballot," the name of

1 the municipality, and a space for the issuing clerk or deputy clerk to initial the  
2 envelope. Upon receiving the envelope from the elector, the issuing clerk or deputy  
3 clerk shall initial the envelope.

4 **SECTION 101.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (3) (d) A municipal clerk ~~may~~ shall, if the clerk is reliably informed by an  
6 absent elector of a facsimile transmission number or electronic mail address where  
7 the elector can receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of  
8 the absent elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under this subsection ~~if,~~  
9 ~~in the judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot through the mail~~  
10 ~~may not be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time provided under sub.~~  
11 ~~(6).~~ An elector may receive an absentee ballot ~~under this subsection~~ only if the elector  
12 has filed a valid application for the ballot under s. 6.86 (1). If the clerk transmits an  
13 absentee ballot ~~under this paragraph~~ to an absent elector electronically, the clerk  
14 shall also transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the text of the material that  
15 appears on the certificate envelope prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions  
16 prescribed by the board. The instructions shall require the absent elector to make  
17 and subscribe to the certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the  
18 absentee ballot in a separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall  
19 include the completed certificate. The elector shall then affix sufficient postage  
20 unless the absentee ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free  
21 postage laws and shall mail the absentee ballot to the municipal clerk. Except as  
22 authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an absentee ballot received ~~under this paragraph~~ from an  
23 elector who receives the ballot electronically shall not be counted unless it is cast in  
24 the manner prescribed in this paragraph and sub. (4) and in accordance with the  
25 instructions provided by the board.

1           **SECTION 102.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in sub. (2m) and s. 6.875, the elector  
3 voting absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who  
4 is an adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark  
5 the ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector  
6 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and  
7 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper  
8 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the  
9 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the  
10 proper envelope. If proof of residence is required, the elector shall enclose proof of  
11 residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope. ~~Proof~~ Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m)  
12 and (2n), proof of residence is required if the elector is not a military elector or an  
13 overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), and the elector registered by mail or by  
14 electronic application or confirmed his or her registration after the close of  
15 registration and has not voted in an election in this state. ~~If the elector requested~~  
16 ~~a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86 (1) (ac),~~  
17 ~~the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request which bears an original~~  
18 ~~signature of the elector.~~ The elector may receive assistance under sub. (5). The  
19 return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The  
20 envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk  
21 issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a location outside the  
22 United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot qualifies for  
23 delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused ballot in a  
24 primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return  
25 of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s.

1 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked  
2 for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for  
3 candidates in the primary.

4 **SECTION 103.** 6.87 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (9) If a municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot by mail with an  
6 improperly completed certificate or with no certificate, the clerk may return the  
7 ballot to the elector, inside the sealed envelope when an envelope is received, together  
8 with a new envelope if necessary, whenever time permits the elector to correct the  
9 defect and return the ballot within the period authorized under sub. (6).

10 **SECTION 104.** 6.875 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.875 (3) An occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or  
12 qualified community-based residential facility who qualifies as an absent elector  
13 and desires to receive an absentee ballot shall make application under s. 6.86 (1),~~(2)~~,  
14 or (2m) with the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the  
15 municipality in which the elector is a resident. The clerk or board of election  
16 commissioners of a municipality receiving an application from an elector who is an  
17 occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified  
18 community-based residential facility located in a different municipality shall, as  
19 soon as possible, notify and transmit an absentee ballot for the elector to the clerk  
20 or board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the home or qualified  
21 community-based residential facility is located. The clerk or board of election  
22 commissioners of a municipality receiving an application from an elector who is an  
23 occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified  
24 community-based residential facility located in the municipality but who is a  
25 resident of a different municipality shall, as soon as possible, notify and request

1 transmission of an absentee ballot from the clerk or board of election commissioners  
2 of the municipality in which the elector is a resident. The clerk or board of election  
3 commissioners shall make a record of all absentee ballots to be transmitted,  
4 delivered, and voted under this section.

5 **SECTION 105.** 6.875 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.875 (4) (a) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes and qualified  
7 retirement homes and qualified community-based residential facilities, the  
8 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one  
9 or more nursing homes or qualified retirement homes or qualified community-based  
10 residential facilities are located shall appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for  
11 the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1), ~~(2)~~, or (2m) by one or more  
12 qualified electors who are occupants of a nursing home or qualified retirement home  
13 or qualified community-based residential facility, the municipal clerk or board of  
14 election commissioners of the municipality in which the home or facility is located  
15 shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit the home or qualified  
16 community-based residential facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting  
17 procedure by occupants of the home or qualified community-based residential  
18 facility. The clerk shall maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each  
19 nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based  
20 residential facility where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall  
21 include the date and time the deputies intend to visit each home or facility. The 2  
22 deputies designated to visit each nursing home or qualified retirement home and  
23 qualified community-based residential facility shall be affiliated with different  
24 political parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.

25 **SECTION 106.** 6.875 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           6.875 (4) (b) Nominations for the special voting deputy positions described in  
2 par. (a) may be submitted by the 2 recognized political parties whose candidates for  
3 governor or president received the greatest numbers of votes in the municipality at  
4 the most recent general election. The deputies An individual who serves as a special  
5 voting deputy shall be an elector of the county, or one of the counties, in which the  
6 municipality is located. Each special voting deputy shall be specially appointed to  
7 carry out the duties under par. (a) for the period specified in s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk  
8 or board of election commissioners may revoke an appointment at any time. No  
9 individual who is employed or retained, or within the 2 years preceding appointment  
10 has been employed or retained, at a nursing home or qualified retirement home or  
11 qualified community-based residential facility in the municipality, or any member  
12 of the individual's immediate family, as defined in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to  
13 serve as a deputy.

14           **SECTION 107.** 6.875 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15           6.875 (6) (c) 1. Upon their visit to the home or facility under par. (a), the  
16 deputies shall personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application for an  
17 absentee ballot the opportunity to cast his or her absentee ballot. If an elector is  
18 present who has not filed a proper application for an absentee ballot, the 2 deputies  
19 may accept an application from the elector and shall issue a ballot to the elector if  
20 the elector is qualified and the application is proper. The deputies shall each witness  
21 the certification and may, upon request of the elector, assist the elector in marking  
22 the elector's ballot. The deputies shall then sign the certification as witnesses and,  
23 if they provide assistance, shall sign the back of the ballot indicating that they  
24 provided assistance. All voting shall be conducted in the presence of the deputies.  
25 Upon request of the elector, a relative of the elector who is present in the room may

1 assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. No individual other than a deputy  
2 may witness the certification and no individual other than a deputy or relative of an  
3 elector may render voting assistance to the elector.

4 **SECTION 108.** 6.88 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.88 (3) (b) When the inspectors find that a certification is insufficient, that the  
6 applicant is not a qualified elector in the ward or election district, that the ballot  
7 envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, that the ballot envelope contains  
8 more than one ballot of any one kind or, except in municipalities where absentee  
9 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, that the certificate of an elector who received an  
10 absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or electronic mail is missing, or if proof is  
11 submitted to the inspectors that an elector voting an absentee ballot has since died,  
12 the inspectors shall not count the ballot. The inspectors shall endorse every ballot  
13 not counted on the back, "rejected (giving the reason)". The inspectors shall reinsert  
14 each rejected ballot into the ~~certificate~~ envelope in which it was delivered and enclose  
15 the ~~certificate~~ envelopes and ballots, and securely seal the ballots and envelopes in  
16 an envelope marked for rejected absentee ballots. The inspectors shall endorse the  
17 envelope, "rejected ballots" with a statement of the ward or election district and date  
18 of the election, signed by the chief inspector and one of the inspectors representing  
19 each of the 2 major political parties and returned to the municipal clerk in the same  
20 manner as official ballots voted at the election.

21 **SECTION 109.** 6.88 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.88 (3) (c) The inspectors shall review each ~~certificate~~ absentee ballot envelope  
23 to determine whether any absentee ballot is cast by an elector whose name appears  
24 on the poll list as ineligible to vote at the election by reason of a felony conviction.  
25 If the inspectors receive an absentee ballot that has been cast by an elector whose

1 name appears on the poll list as ineligible for that reason, the inspectors shall  
2 challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided  
3 in s. 6.95.

4 **SECTION 110.** 6.925 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **6.925 Elector making challenge in person.** Any elector may challenge for  
6 cause any person offering to vote whom the elector knows or suspects is not a  
7 qualified elector. Except as authorized in this section, the challenging elector shall  
8 be an elector of the same county as the challenged elector and, if the challenged  
9 elector is an elector of a 1st class city, the challenging elector shall be an elector of  
10 the same aldermanic district as the challenged elector. If the challenging elector is  
11 a district attorney, the district attorney shall be an elector of the prosecutorial  
12 district in which he or she serves. The inspectors shall require the challenging  
13 elector to provide proof of residence under s. 6.34 before accepting the challenge. If  
14 a person is challenged as unqualified by an elector, one of the inspectors may  
15 administer the oath or affirmation to the challenged elector under s. 6.92 and ask the  
16 challenged elector the questions under that section which are appropriate to test the  
17 elector's qualifications. In addition, one of the inspectors shall administer the  
18 following oath or affirmation to the challenging elector: "You do solemnly swear (or  
19 affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all questions put to you regarding the  
20 challenged person's place of residence and qualifications as an elector of this  
21 election"; and election." Except as authorized in this section, the inspector shall also  
22 require the challenging elector to swear (or affirm) that he or she is an elector of the  
23 same county as the challenged elector and, if the challenged elector is an elector of  
24 a 1st class city, to swear or affirm that he or she is an elector of the same aldermanic  
25 district as the challenged elector. The inspector shall then ask questions which are



1 appropriate as determined by the board, by rule, to test the qualifications of the  
2 challenged elector. If the challenging elector is a district attorney, the district  
3 attorney shall swear (or affirm) that he or she is an elector of the prosecutorial  
4 district served by the district attorney.

5 **SECTION 111.** 6.93 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **6.93 Challenging the absent elector.** The vote of any absent elector may be  
7 challenged for cause by any inspector or by another elector and the inspectors of  
8 election shall have all the power and authority given them to hear and determine the  
9 legality of the ballot the same as if the ballot had been voted in person. In  
10 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, the vote of an  
11 absentee elector may be challenged as provided in s. 7.52 (5). Except as authorized  
12 in s. 6.925 for district attorneys, any challenging elector shall be an elector of the  
13 same county as the challenged elector and, if the challenged elector is an elector of  
14 a 1st class city, the challenging elector shall be an elector of the same aldermanic  
15 district as the challenged elector. The inspectors shall require the challenging  
16 elector to provide proof of residence under s. 6.34 before accepting the challenge.

17 **SECTION 112.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4), 6.33 (1),  
19 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), ~~and, 6.86 (2) to (1) (ad) and (3), and 6.87~~  
20 ~~(2m)~~. All such forms shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or  
21 fraudulent registration or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required  
22 to be furnished by the board.

23 **SECTION 113.** 7.08 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

1           7.08 (1) (cm) Prescribe the form required by s. 6.30 (5). The form shall contain  
2 a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting  
3 through use of the form.

4           **SECTION 114.** 7.08 (3) (d) to (g) of the statutes are created to read:

5           7.08 (3) (d) Be written in clear, unambiguous language.

6           (e) Be indexed by subject.

7           (f) Contain specific examples of common problems encountered at polling  
8 places on election day and detailed, specific procedures for resolving those problems.

9           (g) Include an explanation of all of the following:

10           1. Laws and rules governing solicitation by individuals and groups at a polling  
11 place.

12           2. Procedures to be followed with respect to electors whose names do not appear  
13 on the registration list.

14           3. Proper operation of any electronic voting system used at a polling place.

15           4. Procedures for handling of ballots.

16           5. Procedures governing spoiled ballots.

17           6. Procedures to be followed after a polling place closes.

18           7. Rights of electors at the polls.

19           8. Procedures for handling of emergency situations.

20           9. Procedures for handling and processing of provisional ballots.

21           10. Security procedures.

22           **SECTION 115.** 7.08 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

23           7.08 (12) **REMEDIES FOR DECEPTIVE ELECTION PRACTICES.** Disseminate through  
24 the Internet and radio, television, and newspaper advertisements information

1 concerning complaint procedures and remedies for deceptive election practices  
2 under s. 12.17.

3 **SECTION 116.** 7.08 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

4 7.08 (13) WITHHOLD PERSONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO BOARD. Withhold from  
5 public access under s. 19.35 (1) the telephone number, facsimile transmission  
6 number, or electronic mail address of any elector who voluntarily provides that  
7 information to the board or to a county or municipal clerk. The board may transfer  
8 the information to any official or employee who has access to the information in the  
9 registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. to be used for the administration of elections.

10 **SECTION 117.** 7.10 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

11 7.10 (11) WITHHOLD PERSONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CLERK. The county clerk  
12 shall withhold from public inspection under s. 19.35 (1) the telephone number,  
13 facsimile transmission number, or electronic mail address of any elector who  
14 voluntarily provides that information to the clerk or to the board or a municipal clerk.  
15 The county clerk may transfer the information to any official or employee who has  
16 access to the information in the registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. to be used  
17 for the administration of elections.

18 **SECTION 118.** 7.15 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 7.15 (1) (cm) Prepare official absentee ballots for delivery to electors requesting  
20 them, and send an official absentee ballot to each elector who has requested one for  
21 voting outside the office of the municipal clerk or an alternate site designated under  
22 s. 6.855 no later than the 30th day before each September primary and general  
23 election and no later than the 21st day before each other primary and election if the  
24 request is made before that day; otherwise, the municipal clerk shall send an official  
25 absentee ballot within one day of the time the elector's request is received.

1           **SECTION 119.** 7.15 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           7.15 (1) (j) Send an absentee ballot automatically to each person making an  
3 authorized request therefor in accordance with s. 6.22 (4), 6.24 (4) (c), or 6.86 (2) ~~or~~  
4 (2m).

5           **SECTION 120.** 7.15 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           7.15 (2m) OPERATION OF ALTERNATE ABSENTEE BALLOT SITE. In a municipality in  
7 which the governing body has elected to establish an one or more alternate absentee  
8 ballot ~~site~~ sites under s. 6.855, the municipal clerk shall operate such site as though  
9 it were his or her office for absentee ballot purposes and shall ensure that such site  
10 is adequately staffed.

11           **SECTION 121.** 7.15 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           7.15 (4) RECORDING ELECTORS. ~~Within~~ Except as authorized in s. 6.33 (5) (a),  
13 within 30 days after each election, the municipal clerk shall enter on the registration  
14 list under the name of each elector of the municipality who has voted at the election  
15 an indication of the date of the election in which the elector voted.

16           **SECTION 122.** 7.15 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

17           7.15 (15) WITHHOLD PERSONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CLERK. The municipal  
18 clerk shall withhold from public inspection under s. 19.35 (1) the telephone number,  
19 facsimile transmission number, or electronic mail address of any elector who  
20 voluntarily provides that information to the clerk or to the board or county clerk. The  
21 municipal clerk may transfer the information to any official or employee who has  
22 access to the information in the registration list under s. 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. to be used  
23 for the administration of elections.

24           **SECTION 123.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may  
2     conduct an election. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in ss. 7.15~~  
3     ~~(1) (k) and 7.52 (1) (b), each~~ Each election official shall be a qualified elector of the  
4     ~~ward or wards, or the election district, for which the polling place is established. A~~  
5     ~~special registration deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official~~  
6     ~~who is appointed under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a~~  
7     ~~resident of the ward or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the~~  
8     ~~municipality county, or one of the counties, in which the municipality served by the~~  
9     ~~polling place is located, except as authorized in par. (am) and except that if a~~  
10    municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration deputy or is appointed to fill  
11    a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need not be ~~a resident of the~~  
12    ~~municipality~~ an elector of any county, but shall be ~~a resident of the~~ an elector of this  
13    state. ~~No more than 2 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve~~  
14    ~~without regard to municipal residency in any municipality at any election. Special~~  
15    registration deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve  
16    more than one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able  
17    to read and write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding,  
18    and may not be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they  
19    serve. In 1st class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public.  
20    Except as authorized under subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated  
21    with one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of  
22    votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward  
23    or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. Excluding  
24    the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the  
25    largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the

1 next largest number of votes at each polling place. Election officials appointed under  
2 this section may serve the electors of more than one ward where wards are combined  
3 under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into wards, the ward  
4 requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large.

5 **SECTION 124.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is  
7 16 or 17 years of age and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school  
8 may serve as an inspector at ~~the a~~ polling place serving ~~the pupil's residence~~ any  
9 municipality located wholly or partly within the county within which the pupil  
10 resides, with the approval of the pupil's parent or guardian. Any pupil who has at  
11 least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent may serve. In addition, a school  
12 board or governing body of a private school may establish criteria for service by a  
13 pupil who does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent. A pupil  
14 may serve as an inspector at a polling place under this paragraph only if at least one  
15 election official at the polling place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector  
16 of this state. No pupil may serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this  
17 paragraph. Before appointment by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under  
18 this paragraph, the municipal clerk shall obtain written authorization from the  
19 pupil's parent or guardian for the pupil to serve for the election for which he or she  
20 is appointed. In addition, if a pupil does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average  
21 or the equivalent, the municipal clerk shall obtain written certification from the  
22 principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled that the pupil meets any criteria  
23 established by the school board or governing body for service as an inspector. Upon  
24 appointment of a pupil to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the

1 principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled of the name of the pupil and the  
2 date of the election at which the pupil has been appointed to serve.

3 **SECTION 125.** 7.30 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.30 (2) (b) When a vacancy occurs in an office under this section, the vacancy  
5 shall be filled by appointment of the municipal clerk. Unless the vacancy occurs in  
6 the position of an inspector appointed under sub. (1) (b), the vacancy shall be filled  
7 from the remaining names on the lists submitted under sub. (4) or from additional  
8 names submitted by the chairperson of the county party committee of the  
9 appropriate party under sub. (4) whenever names are submitted under sub. (4) (d).  
10 If the vacancy is due to candidacy, sickness or any other temporary cause, the  
11 appointment shall be a temporary appointment and effective only for the election at  
12 which the temporary vacancy occurs. The same qualifications that applied to  
13 original appointees shall be required of persons who fill vacancies except that a  
14 vacancy may be filled in cases of emergency or because of time limitations by a person  
15 ~~who resides in another aldermanic district or ward within the municipality, and if~~  
16 ~~a municipal clerk or deputy clerk fills the vacancy, the clerk or deputy, but not more~~  
17 ~~than a total of 2 individuals in any municipality, may serve~~ who resides in this state,  
18 without regard to the clerk's or deputy's ~~municipality~~ county of residence, if the clerk  
19 or deputy meets the other qualifications.

20 **SECTION 126.** 7.41 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 7.41 (4) No individual exercising the right under sub. (1) may view the  
22 confidential portion of a registration list maintained under s. 6.36 (4) or a poll list  
23 maintained under s. 6.79 (6). However, the inspectors or municipal clerk shall  
24 disclose to such an individual, upon request, the existence of such a list, the number  
25 of electors whose names appear on the list, and the number of those electors who have

1 voted at any point in the proceedings. No such individual may view the certificate  
2 absentee ballot envelope of an absent elector who obtains a confidential listing under  
3 s. 6.47 (2).

4 **SECTION 127.** 7.51 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 7.51 (3) (d) Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed  
6 under s. 7.52, all absentee ~~certificate~~ ballot envelopes which have been opened shall  
7 be returned by the inspectors to the municipal clerk in a securely sealed carrier  
8 envelope which is clearly marked “used absentee ~~certificate~~ ballot envelopes”. The  
9 envelopes shall be signed by the chief inspector and 2 other inspectors. Except when  
10 the ballots are used in a municipal or school district election only, the municipal clerk  
11 shall transmit the used envelopes to the county clerk.

12 **SECTION 128.** 7.52 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 7.52 (1) (b) A municipality that adopts the canvassing procedure under this  
14 section may appoint additional inspectors under s. 7.30 (2) (a) to assist the absentee  
15 ballot board of canvassers in canvassing absentee ballots under this section. In such  
16 case, an odd number of inspectors shall be appointed, and at no time may there be  
17 less than 3 inspectors who serve. Except as authorized in s. 7.30 (4) (c), all inspectors  
18 shall be affiliated with one of the 2 recognized political parties receiving the largest  
19 numbers of votes for president, or for governor in nonpresidential general election  
20 years, in the municipality. The party whose candidate received the largest number  
21 of votes in the municipality is entitled to one more inspector than the party whose  
22 candidate received the next largest number of votes in the municipality. Each  
23 inspector so appointed shall be a qualified elector of the county, or one of the counties,  
24 in which the municipality is located. The inspectors who are appointed under this



1 paragraph shall serve under the direction and supervision of the board of absentee  
2 ballot canvassers.

3 **SECTION 129.** 7.52 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.52 (3) (b) When the board of absentee ballot canvassers finds that a  
5 certification is insufficient, that the applicant is not a qualified elector in the ward  
6 or election district, that the ballot envelope is open or has been opened and resealed,  
7 that the ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of any one kind, or that the  
8 certificate of an elector who received an absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or  
9 electronic mail is missing, or if proof is submitted to the board of absentee ballot  
10 canvassers that an elector voting an absentee ballot has since died, the board of  
11 absentee ballot canvassers shall not count the ballot. Each member of the board of  
12 absentee ballot canvassers shall endorse every ballot not counted on the back as  
13 “rejected (giving the reason).” The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall reinsert  
14 each rejected ballot into the ~~certificate~~ envelope in which it was delivered and enclose  
15 the ~~certificate~~ envelopes and ballots, and securely seal the ballots and envelopes in  
16 an envelope marked for rejected absentee ballots. The board of absentee ballot  
17 canvassers shall endorse the envelope as “rejected ballots,” with a statement of the  
18 ward or election district and date of the election, and each member of the board of  
19 absentee ballot canvassers shall sign the statement. The board of absentee ballot  
20 canvassers shall then return the envelope containing the ballots to the municipal  
21 clerk.

22 **SECTION 130.** 7.52 (4) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.52 (4) (i) All absentee ~~certificate~~ ballot envelopes that have been opened shall  
24 be returned by the board of absentee ballot canvassers to the municipal clerk in a  
25 securely sealed carrier envelope that is clearly marked “used absentee ~~certificate~~

1 ballot envelopes.” The envelopes shall be signed by each member of the board of  
2 absentee ballot canvassers. Except when the ballots are used in a municipal or school  
3 district election only, the municipal clerk shall transmit the used envelopes to the  
4 county clerk.

5 **SECTION 131.** 7.52 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 7.52 (5) (a) and amended  
6 to read:

7 7.52 (5) (a) The vote of any absent elector may be challenged for cause by the  
8 board of absentee ballot canvassers or by another elector and the board of absentee  
9 ballot canvassers shall have all the power and authority given the inspectors to hear  
10 and determine the legality of the ballot the same as if the ballot had been voted in  
11 person. Except as authorized in s. 6.925 for district attorneys, any challenging  
12 elector shall be an elector of the same ward or election district as the challenged  
13 elector and, if the challenged elector is an elector of a 1st class city, the challenging  
14 elector shall be an elector of the same aldermanic district as the challenged elector.  
15 The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall require the challenging elector to  
16 provide proof of residence under s. 6.34.

17 **SECTION 132.** 7.52 (6) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 7.52 (6) and amended  
18 to read:

19 7.52 (6) The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall review each certificate  
20 absentee ballot envelope to determine whether any absentee ballot is cast by an  
21 elector whose name appears on the poll list as ineligible to vote at the election,  
22 including ineligibility to vote by reason of a felony conviction. If the board of absentee  
23 ballot canvassers receives an absentee ballot that has been cast by an elector whose  
24 name appears on the poll list as ineligible to vote, the inspectors shall challenge the  
25 ballot in the same manner as provided for inspectors making challenges under s. 6.92

1 and shall treat the ballot in the manner as provided for treatment of challenged  
2 ballots by inspectors under s. 6.95.

3 **SECTION 133.** 7.52 (6) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 7.52 (5) (b) and amended  
4 to read:

5 7.52 (5) (b) ~~Any elector may challenge for cause any absentee ballot.~~ For the  
6 purpose of deciding upon ballots that are challenged for any reason, the board of  
7 absentee ballot canvassers may call before it any person whose absentee ballot is  
8 challenged if the person is available to be called. If the person challenged refuses to  
9 answer fully any relevant questions put to him or her by the board of absentee ballot  
10 canvassers under s. 6.92, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall reject the  
11 person's vote. If the challenge is not withdrawn after the person offering to vote has  
12 answered the questions, one of the members of the board of absentee ballot  
13 canvassers shall administer to the person the following oath or affirmation: "You do  
14 solemnly swear (or affirm) that: you are 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United  
15 States; you are now and for 10 days have been a resident of this ward except under  
16 s. 6.02 (2), stats.; you have not voted at this election; you have not made any bet or  
17 wager or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon  
18 the result of this election; you are not on any other ground disqualified to vote at this  
19 election." If the person challenged refuses to take the oath or affirmation, the  
20 person's vote shall be rejected. If the person challenged answers fully all relevant  
21 questions put to the elector by the board of absentee ballot canvassers under s. 6.92,  
22 takes the oath or affirmation, and fulfills the applicable registration requirements,  
23 and if the answers to the questions given by the person indicate that the person meets  
24 the voting qualification requirements, the person's vote shall be received.

25 **SECTION 134.** 9.01 (1) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

1           9.01 (1) (b) 2. The board of canvassers shall then examine the absentee ballot  
2 envelopes. Any defective absentee ballot envelopes shall be laid aside, properly  
3 marked and carefully preserved. The number of voters shall be reduced by the  
4 number of ballot envelopes set aside under this subdivision. An absentee ballot  
5 envelope is defective only if it is not witnessed ~~or, if a witness is required for the voter~~  
6 casting the ballot, if it is not signed by the voter, or if the certificate accompanying  
7 an absentee ballot that the voter received by facsimile transmission or electronic  
8 mail is missing.

9           **SECTION 135.** 10.01 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           10.01 (2) (e) Type E—The type E notice shall state the qualifications for  
11 absentee voting, the procedures for obtaining an absentee ballot in the case of  
12 registered and unregistered voters, the places ~~and the deadlines for application and~~  
13 ~~return of application~~ where electors may cast absentee ballots in person, including  
14 any alternate site or sites designated under s. 6.855, the deadlines for making  
15 application and for return of absentee ballots, and the office hours during which an  
16 elector may cast an absentee ballot in the municipal clerk's office or at ~~an~~ each  
17 alternate site under s. 6.855. The municipal clerk shall publish a type E notice on  
18 the 4th Tuesday preceding each spring primary and election, on the 4th Tuesday  
19 preceding each September primary and general election, on the 4th Tuesday  
20 preceding the primary for each special national, state, county or municipal election  
21 if any, on the 4th Tuesday preceding a special county or municipal referendum, and  
22 on the 3rd Tuesday preceding each special national, state, county or municipal  
23 election to fill an office which is not held concurrently with the spring or general  
24 election. The clerk of each special purpose district which calls a special election shall  
25 publish a type E notice on the 4th Tuesday preceding the primary for the special

1 election, if any, on the 4th Tuesday preceding a special referendum, and on the 3rd  
2 Tuesday preceding a special election for an office which is not held concurrently with  
3 the spring or general election except as authorized in s. 8.55 (3).

4 **SECTION 136.** 12.09 (1) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

5 12.09 (1) No person may personally or through an agent make use of or  
6 threaten to make use of force, violence, ~~or~~ restraint, or any tactic of coercion or  
7 intimidation in order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting  
8 or to refrain from registering to vote at an election.

9 (3) No person may personally or through an agent, ~~by any use or threaten to~~  
10 use force or violence or by use or threat of any act of coercion or intimidation compel,  
11 induce, or prevail upon an elector either to vote or refrain from voting at any election  
12 for or against a particular candidate or question at a referendum.

13 **SECTION 137.** 12.13 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 12.13 (1) (b) Falsely procures registration, confirms inaccurate registration  
15 information, or makes false statements to the municipal clerk, board of election  
16 commissioners or any other election official whether or not under oath.

17 **SECTION 138.** 12.13 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 12.13 (1) (c) Registers as an elector in more than one place for the same election  
19 or confirms 2 or more simultaneous registrations to vote in the same election.

20 **SECTION 139.** 12.13 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 12.13 (1) (d) Impersonates a registered elector or a person whose unconfirmed  
22 registration appears on the registration list or poses as another person for the  
23 purpose of voting at an election.

24 **SECTION 140.** 12.13 (2) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

1           12.13 (2) (b) 3. Permit registration, confirmation of registration or receipt of a  
2 vote from a person who the official knows is not a legally qualified elector or who has  
3 refused after being challenged to make the oath or to properly answer the necessary  
4 questions pertaining to the requisite requirements and residence; or put into the  
5 ballot box a ballot other than the official's own or other one lawfully received.

6           **SECTION 141.** 12.17 of the statutes is created to read:

7           **12.17 Deceptive election practices.** (1) In this section, "election-related  
8 information" means information concerning any of the following:

9           (a) The date, time, place, or manner of conducting an election.

10           (b) The qualifications for or restrictions on the eligibility of electors voting at  
11 an election, including any criminal penalties associated with voting in an election or  
12 a voter's registration status or eligibility.

13           (c) The explicit endorsement by any person of a candidate at an election.

14           (2) No person, whether acting under color of law or otherwise, may  
15 intentionally induce another person to refrain from registering or voting at an  
16 election by knowingly providing that person with false election-related information.

17           (3) Any person who is aggrieved by an alleged violation of sub. (2) may bring  
18 an action for injunctive relief in circuit court for the county where the violation is  
19 alleged to occur.

20           (4) Any person may file a verified complaint with the board alleging facts that  
21 the person believes to constitute a violation of sub. (2). The complaint shall be filed  
22 under s. 5.05 (2m) (c).

23           (5) Notwithstanding s. 5.05 (2m) (c), the board shall promptly review each  
24 complaint received under sub. (4), and if the board finds that the facts alleged in the  
25 complaint, if true, would constitute a violation of sub. (2), the board shall promptly

1 investigate the complaint. Notwithstanding s. 5.05 (2m) (c) 11., if the board finds  
2 that a violation of sub. (2) has occurred or is occurring, the board shall take all  
3 measures necessary to provide correct information to electors who may have been  
4 deceived by the actions of the alleged violator, and shall refer the matter to the  
5 appropriate authority for prosecution in accordance with ss. 5.05 (2m) (i) and 12.60  
6 (4).

7 (6) (a) No later than 90 days after each each general election, the board shall  
8 report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for referral to the appropriate  
9 standing committees under s. 13.172 (2) concerning any complaints under sub. (4)  
10 that were acted upon or referred by the board under sub. (5) during the period  
11 beginning with the date of the 2nd preceding general election and ending with the  
12 preceding general election. Except as provided in par. (b), the report shall include  
13 a description of the alleged deceptive election practices that were the subject of each  
14 complaint, any corrective measures taken by the board with regard to the subject  
15 matter of the complaint, the board's evaluation of the effectiveness of those corrective  
16 measures, the status of any prosecution relating to the subject matter of the  
17 complaint, a compilation of the number and types of allegations made that were  
18 acted upon or referred by the board under sub. (5), the locations and segments of the  
19 population that were affected by the alleged deceptive election practices, and the  
20 status of any investigations conducted by the board under sub. (5).

21 (b) The board may exclude from the report under par. (a) any information that,  
22 if disclosed, would interfere with a pending investigation of a violation of the law.

23 (c) The board shall post a copy of each report submitted under this subsection  
24 on the Internet.

25 **SECTION 142.** 12.19 of the statutes is created to read:

1           **12.19 Voter suppression.** No person may knowingly attempt to prevent or  
2 deter another person from voting or registering to vote based upon fraudulent,  
3 deceptive, or spurious grounds or information. A violation of this section includes:

4           (1) Challenging another person's right to register or vote at an election based  
5 upon information the person knows is false.

6           (2) Attempting to induce another person to refrain from registering or voting  
7 by providing that person with information the person knows is false.

8           **SECTION 143.** 12.60 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           12.60 (1) (a) Whoever violates s. ~~12.09~~, 12.11 or 12.13 (1), (2) (b) 1. to 7. or (3)  
10 (a), (e), (f), (j), (k), (L), (m), (y) or (z) is guilty of a Class I felony.

11           **SECTION 144.** 12.60 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

12           12.60 (1) (am) Whoever violates s. 12.17 (2) with the intent to prevent any  
13 person from exercising the right to vote in an election is guilty of a Class D felony.

14           **SECTION 145.** 12.60 (1) (an) of the statutes is created to read:

15           12.60 (1) (an) Whoever violates s. 12.09 is guilty of a Class D felony.

16           **SECTION 146.** 12.60 (1) (ap) of the statutes is created to read:

17           12.60 (1) (ap) Whoever violates s. 12.19 is guilty of a Class E felony.

18           **SECTION 147.** 12.60 (1) (bn) of the statutes is created to read:

19           12.60 (1) (bn) If a municipal clerk or executive director of a board of election  
20 commissioners fails to ensure compliance with s. 5.25 (4) (b) or to post the materials  
21 specified in s. 5.35 (6) (a) at each polling place located in the municipality served by  
22 the clerk or executive director at any election, except as authorized in s. 5.35 (6) (d),  
23 or the executive director of the government accountability board fails to include any  
24 of the materials specified in s. 7.08 (3) in the election manual, the violator may be  
25 required to forfeit not more than \$500 for each violation.



1           **SECTION 148.** 12.60 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           12.60 (4) Prosecutions of civil offenses under this chapter shall be conducted  
3 in the manner prescribed in s. 11.60 (4). Prosecutions of criminal offenses under this  
4 chapter shall be conducted in ~~accordance with~~ the manner prescribed in s. 11.61 (2).

5           **SECTION 149.** 19.685 of the statutes is created to read:

6           **19.685 Access to information provided by Government Accountability**  
7 **Board.** No state authority and no officer or employee thereof may provide access to  
8 information in any record of the authority that was obtained by the authority from  
9 the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) (bm).

10          **SECTION 150.** 20.511 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act  
11 28, is amended to read:

12          20.511 (1) (b) *Election-related cost reimbursement.* Biennially, the amounts in  
13 the schedule to reimburse municipalities for claims allowed under s. 5.68 (7) and (8).

14          **SECTION 151.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
16 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to  
17 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained  
18 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1), the information specified  
19 in s. 6.34 (2m) and (2n), and other information specified in s. 6.256 (2) with personally  
20 identifiable information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and  
21 vehicle registration records under ch. 341, notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1)  
22 (eg), and 343.14 (2j), to the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation  
23 and the administrator of the elections division of the government accountability  
24 board to verify the accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter  
25 registration. Notwithstanding ss. 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j), but

1 subject to s. 343.14 (2p) (b) the agreement shall provide for the transfer of electronic  
2 information under s. 6.256 (2) to the board on a continuous basis, no less often than  
3 monthly.

4 **SECTION 152.** 343.14 (2p) of the statutes is created to read:

5 343.14 (2p) (a) The forms for application for a license or identification card or  
6 for renewal thereof shall inform the applicant of the department's duty to make  
7 available to the government accountability board the information described in s.  
8 6.256 (2) for the purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3) and shall provide the  
9 applicant an opportunity to elect not to have this information made available for  
10 these purposes.

11 (b) If the applicant elects not to have the information described in s. 6.256 (2)  
12 made available for the purposes specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3), the department shall  
13 not make this information available for these purposes. This paragraph does not  
14 preclude the department from making available to the government accountability  
15 board information for the purposes specified in s. 6.34 (2m) or for any purpose other  
16 than those specified in s. 6.256 (1) and (3).

17 **SECTION 153.** 939.50 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 939.50 (3) (d) For a Class D felony, a fine not to exceed \$100,000 or  
19 imprisonment not to exceed 25 years, or both, except that for a violation of s. 12.09,  
20 the term of imprisonment may not exceed 3 years and for a violation of s. 12.17, the  
21 term of imprisonment may not exceed 5 years.

22 **SECTION 154.** 939.50 (3) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 939.50 (3) (e) For a Class E felony, a fine not to exceed \$50,000 or imprisonment  
24 not to exceed 15 years, or both, except that for a violation of s. 12.19, the term of  
25 imprisonment may not exceed 2 years.

1           **SECTION 155. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) PROGRESS REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION. No later than the 20th day following  
3 the end of each calendar quarter, the government accountability board and the  
4 department of transportation shall each report to the appropriate standing  
5 committees of the legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the  
6 statutes concerning its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration  
7 system. The board and department shall continue to file reports under this  
8 subsection until the board determines that implementation is complete and the  
9 performance of the system is satisfactory.

10          (2) STUDY OF OPTIONS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION. The government accountability  
11 board, in consultation with the department of justice and the federal election  
12 assistance commission, shall study the feasibility of providing corrective information  
13 that may be required under section 12.17 (5) of the statutes, as created by this act,  
14 through public service announcements, other uses of broadcast media, or an  
15 emergency alert system. No later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after  
16 the effective date of this subsection, the board shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, in the manner  
18 provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes, for referral to the appropriate  
19 standing committees of each house.

20          (3) REPORT CONCERNING CHANGE IN ABSENTEE VOTING TIMELINE. No later than  
21 January 1, 2011, the Government Accountability Board shall report to the  
22 appropriate standing committees of the legislature, in the manner prescribed in  
23 section 13.172 (3) of the statutes, concerning the board's recommended method for  
24 compliance by this state with the timeline for absentee voting prescribed in 42 USC  
25 1973ff-1 (a) (8) (A).

1           (4) INITIAL SHARING OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Notwithstanding sections  
2 85.61 (1), 110.09 (2), 342.06 (1) (eg), and 343.14 (2j) of the statutes, as affected by this  
3 act, the department of transportation shall enter into and begin transferring  
4 information under a revised agreement with the administrator of the elections  
5 division of the government accountability board pursuant to section 85.61 (1) of the  
6 statutes, as affected by this act, no later than the first day of the 4th month beginning  
7 after the effective date of this subsection.

8           (5) REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION INTEGRATION. No later than July  
9 1, 2011, the board shall report to the appropriate standing committees of the  
10 legislature, in the manner specified in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes, concerning  
11 its progress in initially implementing a system to ensure the complete and  
12 continuous registration of all eligible electors in this state, specifically including the  
13 operability and utility of information integration with the department of  
14 transportation and the desirability and feasibility of integrating public information  
15 maintained by other state agencies and by technical colleges with the board's  
16 registration information to enhance the completeness and accuracy of the  
17 information. At a minimum, the report shall contain an assessment of the feasibility  
18 and desirability of the integration of registration information with information  
19 maintained by the departments of health services, children and families, workforce  
20 development, revenue, regulation and licensing, and natural resources, the  
21 University of Wisconsin System, and the technical college system board, as well as  
22 the technical colleges within each technical college district.

23           (6) REPORT ON METHODS FOR REALIZING SAVINGS IN POSTAL EXPENSES. No later than  
24 March 1, 2011, the government accountability board shall report to the appropriate  
25 standing committees of the legislature, in the manner prescribed in section 13.172

1 (3) of the statutes, concerning methods whereby this state may be able to meet  
2 requirements for mailing and return of absentee ballots in a manner that will most  
3 effectively take advantage of potential savings that may be available to this state  
4 under applicable postal regulations.

5 (7) REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES MADE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

6 (a) Notwithstanding section 20.511 of the statutes and all provisions of this act,  
7 the government accountability board shall not encumber or expend any amount of  
8 money to implement or administer this act unless the legal counsel to the board first  
9 notifies the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance in writing of the  
10 proposed encumbrance or expenditure. If the cochairpersons do not notify the legal  
11 counsel that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the  
12 proposed expenditure within 14 working days after the date of the legal counsel's  
13 notification, the board may encumber or expend the money as proposed. If, within  
14 14 working days after the date of the legal counsel's notification, the cochairpersons  
15 notify the legal counsel that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose  
16 of reviewing the proposed encumbrance or expenditure, the board shall not make the  
17 proposed encumbrance or expenditure unless the committee approves the proposed  
18 encumbrance or expenditure or modifies and approves the proposed encumbrance or  
19 expenditure. If the committee modifies and approves the proposed encumbrance or  
20 expenditure, the board may make the proposed encumbrance or expenditure only as  
21 modified by the committee.

22 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply after June 30, 2011.

23 (8) REQUIRED GENERAL FUND BALANCE. Section 20.003 (4) of the statutes does not  
24 apply to the action of the legislature in enacting this act.

25 **SECTION 156. Fiscal changes.**

1 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
2 to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes,  
3 as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the first  
4 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement  
5 the provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for  
6 the appropriation to the government accountability board under section 20.511 (1)  
7 (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by  
8 \$-0- for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes  
9 effect to implement the provisions of this act.

10 (2) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
11 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the statutes, as  
12 affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for the first fiscal  
13 year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to implement the  
14 provisions of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the  
15 appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (4) (aq) of the  
16 statutes, as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$-0- for  
17 the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to  
18 implement the provisions of this act.

19 **SECTION 157. Initial applicability.**

20 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (4) and except with respect to the  
21 requirements in section 7.08 (3) (d) to (g) of the statutes, as created by this act, this  
22 act first applies with respect to elections held on the effective date of this subsection.

23 (2) The treatment of sections 6.24 (4) (c), 6.86 (1) (a) 3. (by SECTION 80) and (b)  
24 (by SECTION 85), (2), and (2m), 6.865 (title) (3), and (3m) (a), (b), and (c), 6.875 (3) and  
25 (4) (a), 7.08 (1) (c), and 7.15 (1) (j) of the statutes first applies with respect to requests

1 for absentee ballots made for voting at elections held on or after the effective date of  
2 this subsection.

3 (3) The treatment of sections 5.056 (with respect to electronic voter  
4 registration), 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.28 (1) (with respect to electronic voter  
5 registration), 6.30 (1) and (5), 6.32 (1), 6.33 (1) and (2) (a), 6.34 (2) (with respect to  
6 electronic voter registration), (2m), and (4) (with respect to electronic voter  
7 registration), 6.35 (1) (intro.) and (2), 6.36 (2) (c) (with respect to electronic voter  
8 registration), 6.40 (1) (a) 1. and (c), 6.50 (10), 6.86 (3) (c) (with respect to electronic  
9 voter registration), 6.87 (4) (with respect to electronic voter registration), 7.08 (1)  
10 (cm), and 85.61 (1) (with respect to electronic voter registration) of the statutes first  
11 applies with respect to registration for voting at the 2012 spring primary election.

12 (4) The treatment of sections 6.875 (4) (b), 7.30 (2) (a), (am), and (b), and 7.52  
13 (1) (b) of the statutes first applies with respect to appointments to election official  
14 positions made after the effective date of this subsection.

15 **SECTION 158. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after  
16 publication, except as follows:

17 (1) The treatment of sections 6.24 (4) (c), 6.86 (1) (a) 3. (by SECTION 80) and (b)  
18 (by SECTION 85), (2), and (2m), 6.865 (title), (3), and (3m) (a), (b), and (c), 6.875 (3) and  
19 (4) (a), 7.08 (1) (c), and 7.15 (1) (j) of the statutes and SECTION 157 (2) of this act take  
20 effect on the 90th day beginning after publication.

21 (2) The treatment of section 7.08 (3) (d) to (g) of the statutes takes effect on  
22 January 1, 2011.

23 (END)