



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 454

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law allows independent candidates for partisan offices to include a statement of party or principle on their nomination papers. In current statutes, most references to the statement of party or principle provide that the length of the statement is limited to five words or less.

2009 Assembly Bill 454 provides that the statement of party or principle is limited to five words or less in all references to the statement in the statutes.

Assembly Amendment 1 limits the length of the statement of party or principle to 35 characters or less in all references to the statement in the statutes.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Smith. On December 15, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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