

# State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## **2011 SENATE BILL 340**

December 19, 2011 – Introduced by Senators S. Coggs, Hansen and Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Grigsby, Berceau, Bewley, Hulsey and Sinicki. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 9.10 (3) (c); and *to create* 8.21 (2) (d) of the statutes; **relating**
- to: requirements for candidates to appear on the ballot of a recognized political
  party.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, any individual who seeks to have his or her name appear on the ballot at an election, including a recall election, must file a declaration of candidacy stating the candidate's name and affirming the fact that the signer is a candidate for a named office, and that the signer meets all of the necessary qualifications to hold the office and will qualify for the office if nominated and elected.

This bill provides, in addition, that if the individual seeks to appear on the ballot of a political party that has qualified for a separate ballot or a separate column or row on the ballot in partisan elections, the signer must state that he or she adheres to the principles of the party under which the signer's name will appear on the ballot.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 8.21 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 8.21 (2) (d) In the case of a candidate who seeks to appear on the ballot of a
- 6 recognized political party, that the signer adheres to the principles of that party.

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9.10 **(3)** (c) The official against whom the recall petition is filed shall be a candidate at the recall election without nomination unless the official resigns within 10 days after the original filing of the petition. Candidates for the office may be nominated under the usual procedure of nomination for a special election by filing nomination papers together with a declaration of candidacy not later than 5 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday preceding the election and have their names placed on the ballot at the recall election.

## **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies with respect to elections for which declarations of candidacy are due for filing on or after the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)