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1 **SECTION 51.** 6.25 (4) (intro.), (a) and (b) of the statutes are consolidated,
2 renumbered 6.25 (4) and amended to read:

3 6.25 (4) A write-in absentee ballot issued under sub. (1), (2) or (3) is valid only
4 if all of the following apply: ~~(a) The ballot is submitted from a location outside the~~
5 ~~United States.~~ (b) ~~The~~ the elector submitting the ballot does not submit an official
6 ballot within the time prescribed in s. 6.87 (6) and, if the elector is an overseas elector,
7 the elector resides outside the United States.

8 **SECTION 52.** 6.26 (2) (am) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 53.** 6.26 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.26 (2) (b) The municipal clerk, or board of election commissioners, ~~or~~
11 ~~government accountability board~~ may appoint any applicant who qualifies under
12 this subsection, unless the applicant's appointment has been revoked by a
13 municipality ~~or by the board~~ for cause. The municipal clerk, or board of election
14 commissioners, ~~or government accountability board~~ may revoke an appointment
15 made by the clerk, or board of election commissioners, ~~or government accountability~~
16 ~~board~~ for cause at any time.

17 **SECTION 54.** 6.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.26 (2) (c) No individual may serve as a special registration deputy in a
19 municipality unless the individual is appointed by the municipal clerk or board of
20 election commissioners of the municipality ~~or the individual is appointed by the~~
21 ~~government accountability board to serve all municipalities~~ and the individual
22 completes training required under s. 7.315.

23 **SECTION 55.** 6.26 (2) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.26 (2) (cm) ~~The board and each~~ Each municipal clerk shall maintain a record
25 of the names and addresses of each individual who is appointed by ~~the board or the~~

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1 clerk to serve as a special registration deputy under this section and who has
2 complied with the training requirements for service as a special registration deputy
3 under s. 7.315 (1) (b) 1.

4 **SECTION 56.** 6.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.29 (1) No names may be added to a registration list for any election after the
6 close of registration, except as authorized under this section or s. 6.55 (2) or 6.86 (3)
7 (a) 2. Any person whose name is not on the registration list but who is otherwise a
8 qualified elector is entitled to vote at the election upon compliance with this section,
9 if the person complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling place.

10 **SECTION 57.** 6.29 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.29 (2) (a) Any qualified elector of a municipality who has not previously filed
12 a registration form or whose name does not appear on the registration list of the
13 municipality may register after the close of registration but not later than 5 p.m. or
14 the close of business, whichever is later, on the day Friday before an election at the
15 office of the municipal clerk and at the office of the clerk's agent if the clerk delegates
16 responsibility for electronic maintenance of the registration list to an agent under
17 s. 6.33 (5) (b). The elector shall complete, in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2),
18 a registration form containing all information required under s. 6.33 (1). The
19 registration form shall also contain the following certification: "I, ..., hereby certify
20 that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for
21 at least ~~40~~ 28 consecutive days immediately preceding this election, and I have not
22 voted at this election". The elector shall also provide proof of residence under s. 6.34.
23 ~~Alternatively, if the elector is unable to provide proof of residence under s. 6.34, the~~
24 ~~information contained in the registration form shall be corroborated in a statement~~
25 ~~that is signed by any other elector of the municipality and that contains the current~~

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1 ~~street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborating elector shall then~~
2 ~~provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. If the elector is registering after the close~~
3 ~~of registration for the general election and the elector presents a valid driver's license~~
4 ~~issued by another state, the municipal clerk or agent shall record on a separate list~~
5 ~~the name and address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number~~
6 ~~and expiration date of the license.~~

7 **SECTION 58.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.33 (1) The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration
9 forms. All forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information shall be of
10 uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. The municipal clerk shall supply
11 sufficient forms to meet voter registration needs. The forms shall be designed to
12 obtain from each applicant information as to name; date; residence location; location
13 of previous residence immediately before moving to current residence location;
14 citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license
15 issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security
16 account number; whether the applicant has resided within the ward or election
17 district for at least ~~10~~ 28 consecutive days; whether the applicant has been convicted
18 of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant
19 is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the
20 applicant is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant
21 is currently registered to vote at any other location. The form shall include a space
22 for the applicant's signature ~~and the signature of any corroborating elector.~~ The form
23 shall include a space to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s.
24 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who
25 obtains the form and a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign

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1 his or her name, affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has
2 accepted the form. The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and
3 aldermanic district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information
4 required to determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to
5 vote. The form shall also include a space where the clerk may record an indication
6 of whether the form is received by mail, a space where the clerk may record an
7 indication of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of
8 residence under s. 6.34, whenever required, and a space where the clerk, for any
9 applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card issued to the person under
10 s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number appearing on the voting
11 identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration forms for
12 completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the county clerk
13 under s. 6.28 (4).

14 **SECTION 59.** 6.33 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.33 (2) (b) Except as provided in s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the registration form shall
16 be signed by the registering elector ~~and any corroborating elector under s. 6.29 (2)~~
17 ~~(a) or 6.55 (2)~~ before the clerk, issuing officer or registration deputy. The form shall
18 contain a certification by the registering elector that all statements are true and
19 correct.

20 **SECTION 60.** 6.33 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.33 (5) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a
22 municipal clerk receives a valid registration or valid change of a name or address
23 under an existing registration and whenever a municipal clerk changes a
24 registration from eligible to ineligible status, the municipal clerk shall promptly
25 enter electronically on the list maintained by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the

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1 information required under that subsection, ~~except that the~~. Except as provided in
2 par. (b) and this paragraph, the municipal clerk may update any entries that change
3 on the date of an election in the municipality other than a general election within 30
4 days after that the date, and the of that election, and may update any entries that
5 change on the date of a general election within 45 days after the date of that election.
6 The legal counsel of the board may, upon request of a municipal clerk, permit the
7 clerk to update entries that change on the date of a general election within 60 days
8 after that election. The municipal clerk shall provide to the board information that
9 is confidential under s. 6.47 (2) in such manner as the board prescribes.

10 **SECTION 61.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.34 (2) ~~Except as authorized in ss. 6.29 (2) (a) and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., upon~~ Upon
12 completion of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33, each eligible elector who
13 is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas
14 elector, and who registers after the close of registration under s. 6.29 or 6.86 (3) (a)
15 2., shall provide an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under
16 sub. (3). Each eligible elector who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a
17 military elector or an overseas elector, who registers by mail, and who has not voted
18 in an election in this state shall, if voting in person, provide an identifying document
19 that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3) or, if voting by absentee ballot,
20 provide a copy of an identifying document that establishes proof of residence under
21 sub. (3). If the elector registered by mail, the identifying document may not be a
22 residential lease.

23 **SECTION 62.** 6.34 (3) (a) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.34 (3) (a) 7. A university, college, or technical college ~~fee or~~ identification card
25 issued by a university, college or technical college in this state that contains a

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1 photograph of the cardholder. ~~A card under this subdivision that does not contain~~
2 ~~the information specified in par. (b) shall be considered proof of residence if the~~
3 ~~university, college, or technical college that issued the card provides a certified and~~
4 ~~current list of students who reside in housing sponsored by the university, college,~~
5 ~~or technical college to the municipal clerk prior to the election showing the current~~
6 ~~address of the students and if the municipal clerk, special registration deputy, or~~
7 ~~inspector verifies that the student presenting the card is included on the list together~~
8 ~~with a fee payment receipt that contains the full name of the person to whom it is~~
9 ~~issued and that is dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at~~
10 ~~which the receipt is presented.~~

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

12 6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official
13 registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered
14 elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district
15 of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number
16 assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector
17 under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account
18 number, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47
19 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the
20 elector is a military elector, as defined in ~~sub. (2) (c)~~ s. 6.34 (1), who has so certified
21 under s. 6.865 (3m), an indication of whether the elector is an overseas elector, as
22 defined in s. 6.24 (1), any information relating to the elector that appears on the
23 current list transmitted to the board by the department of corrections under s. 301.03
24 (20m), an indication of any accommodation required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit
25 voting by the elector, an indication of the method by which the elector's registration

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1 form was received, and such other information as may be determined by the board
2 to facilitate administration of elector registration requirements.

3 **SECTION 64.** 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. ~~No~~ Except as provided in pars. (bm) and (bn), no person other
5 than an employee of the board, a county clerk, a deputy county clerk, an executive
6 director of a county board of election commissioners, a deputy designated by the
7 executive director, a municipal clerk, a deputy municipal clerk, an executive director
8 of a city board of election commissioners, or a deputy designated by the executive
9 director may view the date of birth, operator's license number, or social security
10 account number of an elector, the address of an elector to whom an identification
11 serial number is issued under s. 6.47 (3), or any indication of an accommodation
12 required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by an elector.

13 **SECTION 65.** 6.36 (1) (bm) and (bn) of the statutes are created to read:

14 6.36 (1) (bm) The board or any municipal clerk or board of election
15 commissioners may transfer any information in the registration list to which access
16 is restricted under par. (b) 1. a. to a law enforcement agency, as defined in s. 165.77
17 (1) (b), to be used for law enforcement purposes.

18 (bn) The board may transfer any information in the registration list to which
19 access is restricted under par. (b) 1. a. to a subunit of the state government of another
20 state to be used for official purposes.

21 **SECTION 66.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), each registration list prepared for use
23 as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee ballots at an
24 election shall contain the full name and address of each registered elector; a blank
25 column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they vote or the poll

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1 list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in canvassing
2 absentee ballots; an indication next to the name of each elector for whom proof of
3 residence under s. 6.34 is required; a space for entry of the elector's signature, or if
4 another person signed the elector's registration form for the elector by reason of the
5 elector's physical disability, the word "exempt"; and a form of certificate bearing the
6 certification of the administrator of the elections division of the board stating that
7 the list is a true and complete registration list of the municipality or the ward or
8 wards for which the list is prepared. The board shall, by rule, prescribe the space and
9 location for entry of each elector's signature on the poll list which shall provide for
10 entry of the signature without changing the orientation of the poll list from the
11 orientation used by the election officials.

12 **SECTION 67.** 6.36 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 68.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.40 (1) (a) 1. Any registered elector ~~shall~~ may transfer registration after a
15 change of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk of
16 the municipality where the elector resides or by mailing to the municipal clerk a
17 signed request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be his or
18 her residence for ~~10~~ 28 consecutive days prior to the election and providing the
19 address where he or she was last registered. Alternatively, the elector may transfer
20 his or her registration at the proper polling place or other registration location under
21 s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a). If an elector is voting in the ward or
22 election district where the elector formerly resided, the change shall be effective for
23 the next election.

24 **SECTION 69.** 6.50 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.50 (8) Any municipal governing body may direct the municipal clerk or board
2 of election commissioners to arrange with the U.S. postal service pursuant to
3 applicable federal regulations, to receive change of address information with respect
4 to individuals residing within the municipality for revision of the elector registration
5 list. If required by the U.S. postal service, the governing body may create a
6 registration commission consisting of the municipal clerk or executive director of the
7 board of election commissioners and 2 other electors of the municipality appointed
8 by the clerk or executive director for the purpose of making application for address
9 changes and processing the information received. The municipal clerk or executive
10 director shall act as chairperson of the commission. Any authorization under this
11 subsection shall be for a definite period or until the municipal governing body
12 otherwise determines. The procedure shall apply uniformly to the entire
13 municipality whenever used. The procedure shall provide for receipt of complete
14 change of address information on an automatic basis, or not less often than once
15 every 2 years during the 60 days preceding the close of registration for the ~~September~~
16 partisan primary. If a municipality adopts the procedure for obtaining address
17 corrections under this subsection, it need not comply with the procedure for mailing
18 address verification cards under subs. (1) and (2).

19 **SECTION 70.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.55 (2) (a) 1. Except where the procedure under par. (c) or (cm) is employed,
21 any person who qualifies as an elector in the ward or election district where he or she
22 desires to vote, but has not previously filed a registration form, or was registered at
23 another location, may request permission to vote at the polling place for that ward
24 or election district, or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).
25 When a proper request is made, the inspector shall require the person to execute a

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1 registration form prescribed by the board. The registration form shall be completed
2 in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2) and shall contain all information required
3 under s. 6.33 (1), together with the following certification:

4 “I,, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,
5 having resided at for at least ~~10~~ 28 consecutive days immediately preceding this
6 election, and I have not voted at this election.”

7 **SECTION 71.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), ~~the~~ except as
9 authorized under s. 6.79 (7), each elector shall be required by a special registration
10 deputy or inspector to present proof of identification. The deputy or inspector shall
11 verify that the name on the proof of identification presented by the elector conforms
12 to the elector's registration form and shall verify that any photograph appearing on
13 that document reasonably resembles the elector. If any document presented is not
14 proof of residence under s. 6.34, the elector shall also provide proof of residence under
15 s. 6.34. If the elector cannot provide proof of residence, the information contained
16 in the registration form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any
17 elector who resides in the same municipality as the registering elector and that
18 contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator
19 shall then provide proof of residence as provided in s. 6.34. If the elector is registering
20 to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid driver's license issued
21 by another state, the inspector or deputy shall record on a separate list the name and
22 address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration
23 date of the license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and
24 by any corroborator shall be in the presence of the special registration deputy or
25 inspector who shall then print his or her name on and sign the form, indicating that

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1 the deputy or inspector has accepted the form. Upon compliance with this procedure,
2 the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector complies with all
3 other requirements for voting at the polling place.

4 **SECTION 72.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.
6 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
7 municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who
8 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another
9 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the
10 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),
11 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the
12 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the
13 polling place. The An eligible elector who desires to register shall execute a
14 registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and, except as authorized in s. 6.79 (7),
15 present proof of identification. The municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special
16 registration deputy shall verify that the name on the proof of identification presented
17 by the elector conforms to the elector's registration form and shall verify that any
18 photograph appearing on that document reasonably resembles the elector. If any
19 document presented by the person is not acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.34,
20 the person shall also provide proof of residence as provided under s. 6.34. If the
21 elector cannot provide proof of residence, the information contained in the
22 registration form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). If the
23 elector is registering to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid
24 driver's license issued by another state, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special
25 registration deputy shall record on a separate list the name and address of the

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

11 **SECTION 73.** 6.55 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.55 **(2)** (c) 2. Upon compliance with the procedures under subd. 1., the
13 municipal clerk or deputy clerk shall issue a certificate addressed to the inspectors
14 of the proper polling place directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her
15 vote if the elector complies with all requirements for voting at the polling place. The
16 clerk shall enter the name and address of the elector on the face of the certificate.
17 ~~If the elector's registration is corroborated, the clerk shall also enter the name and~~
18 ~~address of the corroborator on the face of the certificate.~~ The certificate shall be
19 numbered serially and prepared in duplicate. The municipal clerk shall preserve one
20 copy in his or her office.

21 **SECTION 74.** 6.56 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 75.** 6.79 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS.** Two election officials at each election ward shall
24 be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists containing information
25 relating to all persons voting. The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the

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1 information on the lists manually or electronically. If the lists are maintained
2 electronically, the board shall prescribe a supplemental list that contains the full
3 name, address, and space for the entry of the signature of each elector, or if the elector
4 is exempt from the signature requirement under s. 6.36 (2) (a), the word “exempt”.

5 If the lists are maintained electronically, the officials shall enter the information into
6 an electronic data recording system that enables retrieval of printed copies of the
7 lists at the polling place. The system employed is subject to the approval of the board.

8 **SECTION 76.** 6.79 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.79 (2) (a) Unless information on the poll list is entered electronically, the
10 municipal clerk shall supply the inspectors with 2 copies of the most current official
11 registration list or lists prepared under s. 6.36 (2) (a) for use as poll lists at the polling
12 place. Except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (6) and (7), each ~~person eligible elector~~, before
13 receiving a serial number, shall state his or her full name and address and present
14 to the officials proof of identification. The officials shall verify that the name on the
15 proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the poll list
16 or separate list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document
17 reasonably resembles the elector. The officials shall then require the elector to enter
18 his or her signature on the poll list, supplemental list, or separate list maintained
19 under par. (c) unless the elector is exempt from the signature requirement under s.
20 6.36 (2) (a). The officials shall verify that the name and address provided stated by
21 the ~~person are the same as~~ elector conform to the person's elector's name and address
22 on the poll list.

23 **SECTION 77.** 6.79 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.79 (2) (am) If an elector previously signed his or her registration form or is
25 exempt from a registration requirement and is unable, due to physical disability, to

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1 enter his or her signature at the election, the officials shall waive the signature
2 requirement if the officials determine that the elector is unable, due to physical
3 disability, to enter his or her signature. In this case, the officials shall enter next to
4 the name and address of the elector on the poll, supplemental, or separate list the
5 words “exempt by order of inspectors”. If both officials do not waive the signature
6 requirement and the elector wishes to vote, the official or officials who do not waive
7 the requirement shall require the elector to vote by ballot and shall challenge the
8 elector’s ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided in
9 s. 6.95. The challenged elector may then provide evidence of his or her physical
10 disability to the board of canvassers charged with initially canvassing the returns
11 prior to the completion of the initial canvass.

12 **SECTION 78.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.79 (2) (d) If the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is
14 required and the document provided by the elector under par. (a) does not constitute
15 proof of residence under s. 6.34, the officials shall require the elector to provide proof
16 of residence. If proof of residence is provided, the officials shall verify that the name
17 and address on the identification document submitted as proof of residence provided
18 is the same as the name and address shown on the registration list. If proof of
19 residence is required and not provided, or if the elector does not present proof of
20 identification under par. (a), whenever required, the officials shall offer the
21 opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

22 **SECTION 79.** 6.79 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.79 (3) (title) ~~REFUSAL TO GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS~~ PROVIDE NAME, ADDRESS, OR
24 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

25 **SECTION 80.** 6.79 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.79 (3) (a).

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1 **SECTION 81.** 6.79 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

2 6.79 (3) (b) If proof of identification under sub. (2) is not presented by the
3 elector, if the name appearing on the document presented does not conform to the
4 name on the poll list or separate list, or if any photograph appearing on the document
5 does not reasonably resemble the elector, the elector shall not be permitted to vote,
6 except as authorized under sub. (6) or (7), but if the elector is entitled to cast a
7 provisional ballot under s. 6.97, the officials shall offer the opportunity for the elector
8 to vote under s. 6.97.

9 **SECTION 82.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. When any elector provides proof of
11 residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2), the election officials shall enter the type of
12 identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained under sub.
13 (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence includes a number
14 which applies only to the individual holding that document, the election officials
15 shall also enter that number on the list. ~~When any elector corroborates the~~
16 ~~registration identity or residence of any person offering to vote under s. 6.55 (2) (b)~~
17 ~~or (c), or the registration identity or residence of any person registering on election~~
18 ~~day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the election officials shall also enter the name and address~~
19 ~~of the corroborator next to the name of the elector whose information is being~~
20 ~~corroborated on the poll list, or the separate list maintained under sub. (2) (c).~~ When
21 any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken the oath, following the
22 person's name on the poll list, the officials shall enter the word "Sworn".

23 **SECTION 83.** 6.79 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.79 (6) CONFIDENTIAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES. An elector who has a confidential
25 listing under s. 6.47 (2) may present his or her identification card issued under s. 6.47

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1 (3), or give his or her name and identification serial number issued under s. 6.47 (3),
2 in lieu of stating his or her name and address and presenting proof of identification
3 under sub. (2). If the elector's name and identification serial number appear on the
4 confidential portion of the list, the inspectors shall issue a voting serial number to
5 the elector, record that number on the poll list and permit the elector to vote.

6 **SECTION 84.** 6.79 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.79 (7) LICENSE SURRENDER. If an elector receives a citation or notice of intent
8 to revoke or suspend an operator's license from a law enforcement officer in any
9 jurisdiction that is dated within 60 days of the date of an election and is required to
10 surrender his or her operator's license or driving receipt issued to the elector under
11 ch. 343 at the time the citation or notice is issued, the elector may present an original
12 copy of the citation or notice in lieu of an operator's license or driving receipt issued
13 under ch. 343. In such case, the elector shall cast his or her ballot under s. 6.965.

14 **SECTION 85.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an eligible elector is at the
16 entrance to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling
17 place, they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any
18 individual selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that
19 employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.
20 The Except as authorized in s. 6.79 (6) and (7), the individual selected by the elector
21 shall present to the inspectors proof of identification and, if the proof of identification
22 does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, shall also provide proof of
23 residence under s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other
24 information necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The
25 inspectors shall verify that the name on the proof of identification presented by the

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1 person assisting the elector conforms to the elector's name on the poll list or separate
2 list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document reasonably
3 resembles the elector. The inspectors shall then issue a ballot to the individual
4 selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual to the polling place
5 entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a paper ballot, the
6 assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked by the assisting
7 individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the ballot into the
8 polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall distinctly
9 announce that he or she has "a ballot offered by (stating person's name), an elector
10 who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without assistance".
11 The inspector shall then ask, "Does anyone object to the reception of this ballot?" If
12 no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector's name under s. 6.79 and
13 deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll list: "Ballot
14 received at poll entrance".

15 **SECTION 86.** 6.82 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.82 (2) (a) If an elector declares to the presiding election official that he or she
17 cannot read or write, or has difficulty in reading, writing or understanding English
18 or that due to disability is unable to mark a ballot or depress a button or lever on a
19 voting machine, the elector shall be informed by the officials that he or she may have
20 assistance. When assistance is requested, the elector may select any individual to
21 assist in casting his or her vote. The selected individual rendering assistance may
22 not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a
23 labor organization which represents the elector. ~~The selected individual shall certify~~
24 ~~on the back of the ballot that it was marked with his or her assistance. Where voting~~
25 ~~machines are used, certification shall be made on the registration list.~~

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1 **SECTION 87.** 6.85 of the statutes is renumbered 6.85 (1) and amended to read:

2 6.85 (1) An absent elector is any otherwise qualified elector who ~~for any reason~~
3 ~~is unable or unwilling to, for any reason, is or expects to be absent from the~~
4 ~~municipality in which the elector is a qualified elector on election day, or who,~~
5 ~~because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, employment, jury duty,~~
6 ~~service as an election official, attendance at a college or university, enrollment in a~~
7 ~~study program abroad, or religious reasons cannot~~ appear at the polling place in his
8 or her ward or election district. No person under the age of 70 qualifies as an absent
9 elector solely because of age.

10 **(2)** Any otherwise qualified elector who changes residence within this state by
11 moving to a different ward or municipality later than ~~10~~ 28 days prior to an election
12 may vote an absentee ballot in the ward or municipality where he or she was
13 qualified to vote before moving.

14 **(3)** An elector qualifying under this section may vote by absentee ballot under
15 ss. 6.86 to 6.89.

16 **SECTION 88.** 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector of a municipality who is registered to vote
18 whenever required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector
19 may make written application to the municipal clerk of that municipality for an
20 official ballot by one of the following methods:

21 **SECTION 89.** 6.86 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.86 (1) (a) 3. By signing a statement and filing a request to receive absentee
23 ballots under sub. (2) (a) or (2m) (a) or s. 6.22 (4) or 6.24 (4).

24 **SECTION 90.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

7 **SECTION 91.** 6.86 (1) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.86 (1) (ar) Except as authorized in s. 6.875 (6), the municipal clerk shall not
9 issue an absentee ballot unless the clerk receives a written application therefor from
10 a qualified elector of the municipality. The clerk shall retain each absentee ballot
11 application until destruction is authorized under s. 7.23 (1). Except as authorized
12 in s. 6.79 (6) and (7), if a qualified elector applies for an absentee ballot in person at
13 the clerk's office, the clerk shall not issue the elector an absentee ballot unless the
14 elector presents proof of identification. The clerk shall verify that the name on the
15 proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the elector's
16 application and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document
17 reasonably resembles the elector. The clerk shall then enter his or her initials on the
18 certificate envelope indicating that the absentee elector presented proof of
19 identification to the clerk.

20 **SECTION 92.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made by mail,
22 the application, ~~signed by the elector,~~ shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the
23 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in person, the
24 application shall be made no earlier than the opening of business on the 2nd Monday
25 preceding the election and no later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever

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1 ~~is later, on the day Friday~~ preceding the election. ~~If Except as provided in par. (c),~~
2 ~~if the elector is making written application for an absentee ballot at the September~~
3 ~~partisan primary or, the general election, the presidential preference primary, or a~~
4 ~~special election for national office,~~ and the application indicates that the elector is
5 a military elector, as defined in s. ~~6.36 (2) (c)~~ 6.34 (1), the application shall be received
6 by the municipal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the application
7 indicates that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a
8 sequestered juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election
9 day. If the application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding
10 the election, the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot
11 to the court in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge.
12 The judge shall recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot.
13 The judge shall then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall
14 deliver the ballot to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling
15 place or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the
16 municipal clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2) or (2m),
17 the application may be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately
18 preceding the election.

19 **SECTION 93.** 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 or transmitted to the elector automatically for every election

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

24 (b) If a municipal clerk is notified by an elector that the elector's residence is
25 changed to another municipality within this state, the ~~municipal~~ clerk shall forward

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1 the request to the municipal clerk of that municipality and that municipal clerk shall
2 honor the request, except as provided in this subsection.

3 **SECTION 94.** 6.86 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.86 (3) (a) 1. Any elector who is registered and who is hospitalized, may apply
5 for and obtain an official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot
6 for the hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and
7 containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed
8 by that elector ~~and any other elector residing in the same municipality as the~~
9 ~~hospitalized elector, corroborating the information contained therein. The~~
10 ~~corroborating elector shall state on the form his or her full name and address. The~~
11 form shall include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her
12 initials indicating that the agent presented proof of identification to the clerk on
13 behalf of the elector. Except as authorized for an elector who has a confidential
14 listing under s. 6.47 (2) or as authorized under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4., the agent shall
15 present the proof of identification required under sub. (1) (ar) and s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1.

16 **SECTION 95.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register
18 by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an
19 official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision,
20 the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required
21 information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, unless the elector is
22 unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize
23 another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another
24 elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request
25 and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to

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1 physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other
2 information required under this subdivision. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this~~
3 ~~subdivision, the~~ The agent shall in every case provide proof of the elector's residence
4 under s. 6.34. ~~If the elector is registering to vote in the general election and the agent~~
5 ~~presents a valid driver's license issued to the elector by another state, the municipal~~
6 ~~clerk shall record on a separate list the name and address of the elector, the name~~
7 ~~of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the license. If the agent~~
8 ~~cannot present proof of residence, the registration form shall be signed and~~
9 ~~substantiated by another elector residing in the elector's municipality of residence~~
10 ~~corroborating the information in the form. The form shall contain the full name and~~
11 ~~address of the corroborating elector. The agent shall then present proof of the~~
12 ~~corroborating elector's residence under s. 6.34.~~

13 **SECTION 96.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
15 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier
16 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
17 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
18 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by
19 absentee ballot. If the elector is registering for the election after the close of
20 registration or if the elector registered by mail and has not voted in an election in this
21 state, the municipal clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34
22 is required and the elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the
23 envelope with the ballot. The clerk shall verify that the name on the proof of
24 identification presented by the agent conforms to the name on the elector's
25 application. The clerk shall then enter his or her initials on the carrier envelope

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1 indicating that the agent presented proof of identification to the clerk. The agent is
2 not required to enter a signature on the registration list. The ballot shall be sealed
3 by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal
4 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent
5 shall make personal delivery to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's
6 residence before the closing hour or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are
7 canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

8 **SECTION 97.** 6.865 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **6.865 (title) Federal absentee ballot requests ballots.**

10 **SECTION 98.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 99.** 6.865 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

25 **SECTION 100.** 6.865 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.865 (3m) (b) A military elector may indicate an alternate address on his or
2 her absentee ballot application. If the elector's ballot is returned as undeliverable
3 prior to the deadline for receipt and return of absentee ballots under ~~sub. (3) s. 6.87~~
4 (6) and the elector remains eligible to receive absentee ballots under this subsection,
5 the municipal clerk shall immediately send or transmit an absentee ballot to the
6 elector at the alternate address.

7 **SECTION 101.** 6.865 (3m) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

8 **SECTION 102.** 6.869 of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **6.869 Uniform instructions.** The board shall prescribe uniform instructions
10 for municipalities to provide to absentee voters. electors. The instructions shall
11 include the specific means of electronic communication that an absentee elector may
12 use to file an application for an absentee ballot and, if the absentee elector is required
13 to register, to request a registration form or change his or her registration and
14 information concerning whether proof of identification is required to be presented or
15 enclosed under s. 6.86 (1) (ar) or 6.87 (4) (b) 1. The instructions also shall include
16 information concerning the procedure for correcting errors in marking a ballot and
17 obtaining a replacement for a spoiled ballot. The procedure shall, to the extent
18 possible, respect the privacy of each elector and preserve the confidentiality of each
19 elector's vote.

20 **SECTION 103.** 6.87 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.87 (1) Upon proper request made within the period prescribed in s. 6.86, the
22 municipal clerk or a deputy clerk authorized by the municipal clerk shall write on
23 the official ballot, in the space for official endorsement, the clerk's initials and official
24 title. Unless application is made under s. 6.86 (1) (ac) or in person under s. 6.86 (1)
25 (ar), the absent elector is exempted from providing proof of identification under sub.

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1 (4) (b) 2. or 3., or the applicant is a military or overseas elector, the absent elector shall
2 enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification or any authorized substitute
3 document with his or her application. The municipal clerk shall verify that the name
4 on the proof of identification conforms to the name on the application. The clerk shall
5 not issue an absentee ballot to an elector who is required to enclose a copy of proof
6 of identification or an authorized substitute document with his or her application
7 unless the copy is enclosed and the proof is verified by the clerk.

8 **SECTION 104.** 6.87 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.87 (2) Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk shall place
10 the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The envelope shall have
11 the name, official title and post-office address of the clerk upon its face. The other
12 side of the envelope shall have a printed certificate which shall include a space for
13 the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating that if the
14 absentee elector voted in person under s. 6.86 (1) (ar), the elector presented proof of
15 identification to the clerk and the clerk verified the proof presented. The certificate
16 shall also include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her
17 initials indicating that the elector is exempt from providing proof of identification
18 because the individual is a military or overseas elector or is exempted from providing
19 proof of identification under sub. (4) (b) 2. or 3. The certificate shall be in
20 substantially the following form:

21 [STATE OF

22 County of]

23 or

24 [(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

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1 I,, certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false
2 statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of, or of
3 the aldermanic district in the city of, residing at* in said city, the county
4 of, state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at
5 the election to be held on; that I am not voting at any other location in this election;
6 that I ~~am unable or unwilling to~~ cannot appear at the polling place in the (ward)
7 (election district) on election day because I expect to be absent from the municipality
8 or because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, religious reasons,
9 employment, jury duty, attendance at a college or university, enrollment in a study
10 program abroad, or service as an election official, or because I have changed my
11 residence within the state from one ward or election district to another ~~within 10~~
12 later than 28 days before the election. I certify that I exhibited the enclosed ballot
13 unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her) presence and in the presence of
14 no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed the same in this envelope
15 in such a manner that no one but myself and any person rendering assistance under
16 s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance, could know how I voted.

17 Signed

18 Identification serial number, if any:

19 The witness shall execute the following:

20 I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis.
21 Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above
22 statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not
23 a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent
24 municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any
25 candidate or measure.

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1 (Name)

2 (Address)**

3 * — An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s.
4 6.47 (3), Wis. Stats., need not provide a street address.

5 ** — If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.875 (6),
6 Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

7 **SECTION 105.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

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1 elector who receives the ballot electronically shall not be counted unless it is cast in
2 the manner prescribed in this paragraph and sub. (4) and in accordance with the
3 instructions provided by the board.

4 **SECTION 106.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 6.87 (4) (b) 1. and amended
5 to read:

6 6.87 **(4)** (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting
7 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an
8 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the
9 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector
10 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and
11 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper
12 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the
13 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the
14 proper envelope. ~~If proof of residence is required~~ Except as authorized in subds. 2.
15 to 5. and s. 6.875 (6) and notwithstanding s. 343.43 (1) (f), if the elector has not
16 enclosed a copy of his or her proof of identification with his or her application, the
17 elector shall enclose a copy of the proof of identification in the manner provided in
18 sub. (1) in the envelope, unless the elector is a military elector or an overseas elector
19 or the elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2). If proof of residence under
20 s. 6.34 is required and the document enclosed by the elector under this subdivision
21 does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof
22 of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope. Proof of residence is required if the elector
23 is not a military elector or an overseas elector, ~~as defined in s. 6.34 (1)~~, and the elector
24 registered by mail and has not voted in an election in this state. If the elector
25 requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86

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1 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request which bears an
2 original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance under sub. (5).
3 The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The
4 envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk
5 issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a location outside the
6 United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot qualifies for
7 delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused ballot in a
8 primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return
9 of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s.
10 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked
11 for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for
12 candidates in the primary.

13 **SECTION 107.** 6.87 (4) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

14 6.87 (4) (a) In this subsection:

- 15 1. "Military elector" has the meaning given in s. 6.34 (1) (a).
- 16 2. "Overseas elector" has the meaning given in s. 6.34 (1) (b).

17 **SECTION 108.** 6.87 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

18 6.87 (4) (b) 2. Unless subd. 3. applies, if the absentee elector has applied for and
19 qualified to receive absentee ballots automatically under s. 6.86 (2) (a), the elector
20 may, in lieu of providing a copy of proof of identification as required under subd. 1.,
21 submit with his or her absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who
22 witnesses voting of the ballot which contains the name and address of the elector and
23 verifies that the name and address are correct.

24 **SECTION 109.** 6.87 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

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1 6.87 (4) (b) 3. If the absentee elector has received an absentee ballot from the
2 municipal clerk by mail for a previous election, has provided a copy of proof of
3 identification as required under subd. 1. with that ballot, and has not changed his
4 or her name or address since providing that proof of identification, the elector is not
5 required to provide a copy of the proof of identification required under subd. 1.

6 **SECTION 110.** 6.87 (4) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.87 (4) (b) 4. If the absentee elector has received a citation or notice of intent
8 to revoke or suspend an operator's license from a law enforcement officer in any
9 jurisdiction that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election and is required
10 to surrender his or her operator's license or driving receipt issued to the elector under
11 ch. 343 at the time the citation or notice is issued, the elector may enclose a copy of
12 the citation or notice in lieu of a copy of an operator's license or driving receipt issued
13 under ch. 343 if the elector is voting by mail, or may present an original copy of the
14 citation or notice in lieu of an operator's license or driving receipt under ch. 343 if the
15 elector is voting at the office of the municipal clerk.

16 **SECTION 111.** 6.87 (4) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

17 6.87 (4) (b) 5. Unless subd. 3. or 4. applies, if the absentee elector resides in a
18 qualified retirement home, as defined in s. 6.875 (1) (at), a qualified
19 community-based residential facility, as defined in s. 6.875 (1) (as), a residential care
20 apartment complex that is certified or registered under s. 50.034 (1), or an adult
21 family home that is certified under s. 50.032 or licensed under s. 50.033 and the
22 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the
23 complex, facility, or home is located does not send special voting deputies to visit the
24 complex, facility, or home at the election under s. 6.875, the elector may, in lieu of
25 providing proof of identification required under subd. 1., submit with his or her

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1 absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who witnesses voting of
2 the ballot that contains the certification of the manager of the complex, facility, or
3 home that the elector resides in the complex, facility, or home and the complex,
4 facility, or home is certified or registered as required by law, that contains the name
5 and address of the elector, and that verifies that the name and address are correct.

6 **SECTION 112.** 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.87 (6) Except as provided in s. 6.221 (3), the ballot shall be returned so it is
8 received by the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Except in
9 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, if the municipal
10 clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk shall secure the ballot and
11 cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place serving the elector's residence
12 before the closing hour. Except as provided in s. 6.221 (3), ~~the~~ any ballot not mailed
13 or delivered as provided in this subsection may not be counted.

14 **SECTION 113.** 6.875 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 **6.875 (title) Absentee voting in nursing and retirement certain homes**
16 **~~and certain community-based residential, facilities, and complexes.~~**

17 **SECTION 114.** 6.875 (1) (ap) and (asm) of the statutes are created to read:

18 6.875 (1) (ap) "Qualified adult family home" means a facility that is certified
19 or licensed to operate as an adult family home under s. 50.032 or 50.033 that qualifies
20 under sub. (2) (d) to utilize the procedures under this section.

21 (asm) "Qualified residential care apartment complex" means a facility that is
22 certified or registered to operate as a residential care apartment complex under s.
23 50.034 (1) that qualifies under sub. (2) (d) to utilize the procedures under this section.

24 **SECTION 115.** 6.875 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.875 (2) (a) The procedures prescribed in this section are the exclusive means
2 of absentee voting for electors who are occupants of nursing homes, qualified
3 community-based residential facilities ~~or~~, qualified retirement homes, qualified
4 residential care apartment complexes, and qualified adult family homes.

5 **SECTION 116.** 6.875 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

6 6.875 (2) (d) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of any
7 municipality where a residential care apartment complex certified or registered
8 under s. 50.034 (1) or an adult family home certified under s. 50.032 or licensed under
9 s. 50.033 is located may adopt the procedures under this section for absentee voting
10 in any such residential care apartment complex or adult family home located in the
11 municipality if the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners finds that
12 there are a significant number of the occupants of the complex or home who lack
13 adequate transportation to the appropriate polling place, a significant number of the
14 occupants of the complex or home may need assistance in voting, there are a
15 significant number of the occupants of the complex or home aged 60 or over, or there
16 are a significant number of indefinitely confined electors who are occupants of the
17 complex or home.

18 **SECTION 117.** 6.875 (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

19 6.875 (3) An occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home ~~or~~,
20 qualified community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment
21 complex, or qualified adult family home who qualifies as an absent elector and
22 desires to receive an absentee ballot shall make application under s. 6.86 (1), (2), or
23 (2m) with the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality
24 in which the elector is a resident. The clerk or board of election commissioners of a
25 municipality receiving an application from an elector who is an occupant of a nursing

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1 home or qualified retirement home ~~or~~, qualified community-based residential
2 facility, qualified residential care apartment complex, or qualified adult family home
3 located in a different municipality shall, as soon as possible, notify and transmit an
4 absentee ballot for the elector to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the
5 municipality in which the home ~~or qualified community-based residential~~, facility
6 or complex is located. The clerk or board of election commissioners of a municipality
7 receiving an application from an elector who is an occupant of a nursing home or
8 qualified retirement home ~~or~~, qualified community-based residential facility,
9 qualified residential care apartment complex, or qualified adult family home located
10 in the municipality but who is a resident of a different municipality shall, as soon as
11 possible, notify and request transmission of an absentee ballot from the clerk or
12 board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the elector is a resident.
13 The clerk or board of election commissioners shall make a record of all absentee
14 ballots to be transmitted, delivered, and voted under this section.

15 (4) (a) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes ~~and~~, qualified
16 retirement homes ~~and~~, qualified community-based residential facilities, qualified
17 residential care apartment complexes, and qualified adult family homes, the
18 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one
19 or more nursing homes ~~or~~, qualified retirement homes ~~or~~, qualified
20 community-based residential facilities, qualified residential care apartment
21 complexes, or qualified adult family homes are located shall appoint at least 2 special
22 voting deputies for the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1), (2), or (2m)
23 by one or more qualified electors who are occupants of a ~~nursing home or qualified~~
24 ~~retirement home or qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or complex, the
25 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the

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1 home ~~or~~, facility, or complex is located shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit
2 the home ~~or qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or complex for the
3 purpose of supervising absentee voting procedure by occupants of the home ~~or~~
4 ~~qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or complex. The clerk shall
5 maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each ~~nursing home or~~
6 ~~qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential~~, facility, or
7 complex where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall include the
8 date and time the deputies intend to visit each home ~~or~~, facility, or complex. The 2
9 deputies designated to visit each nursing home ~~or~~, qualified retirement home ~~or~~,
10 qualified community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment
11 complex, and qualified adult family home shall be affiliated with different political
12 parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.

13 (b) Nominations for the special voting deputy positions described in par. (a)
14 may be submitted by the 2 recognized political parties whose candidates for governor
15 or president received the greatest numbers of votes in the municipality at the most
16 recent general election. The deputies shall be specially appointed to carry out the
17 duties under par. (a) for the period specified in s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk or board of
18 election commissioners may revoke an appointment at any time. No individual who
19 is employed or retained, or within the 2 years preceding appointment has been
20 employed or retained, at a nursing home ~~or~~, qualified retirement home ~~or~~, qualified
21 community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment complex,
22 or qualified adult family home in the municipality, or any member of the individual's
23 immediate family, as defined in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to serve as a deputy.

24 **SECTION 118.** 6.875 (6) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

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1 6.875 (6) (a) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than
2 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times
3 with the administrator of each nursing home, qualified retirement home, ~~and~~
4 qualified community-based residential facility, qualified residential care apartment
5 complex, and qualified adult family home in the municipality from which one or more
6 occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the
7 election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and
8 no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. The municipal clerk shall
9 post a notice at the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex indicating the date and time that
10 absentee voting will take place at that home ~~or~~, facility, or complex. The notice shall
11 be posted as soon as practicable after arranging the visit but in no case less than 24
12 hours before the visit. At the designated time, 2 deputies appointed under sub. (4)
13 shall visit the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex.

14 (b) The municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election
15 commissioners shall issue a supply of absentee ballots to the deputies sufficient to
16 provide for the number of valid applications for an absentee ballot received by the
17 clerk, and a reasonable additional number of ballots. The deputies may exercise the
18 authority granted to the chief inspector under s. 7.41 to regulate the conduct of
19 observers. For purposes of the application of s. 7.41, the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex
20 shall be treated as a polling place. The municipal clerk or executive director shall
21 keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall require the
22 deputies to return every ballot issued to them.

23 **SECTION 119.** 6.875 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.875 (6) (c) 1. Upon their visit to the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex under par.
25 (a), the deputies shall personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application

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1 for an absentee ballot the opportunity to cast his or her absentee ballot. In lieu of
2 providing a copy of proof of identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. with his or her
3 absentee ballot, the elector may submit with his or her ballot a statement signed by
4 both deputies that contains the name and address of the elector and verifies that the
5 name and address are correct. The deputies shall enclose the statement in the
6 certificate envelope. If an elector presents proof of identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b)
7 1., the deputies shall make a copy of the document presented by the elector and shall
8 enclose the copy in the certificate envelope. If an elector is present who has not filed
9 a proper application for an absentee ballot, the 2 deputies may accept an application
10 from the elector and shall issue a ballot to the elector if the elector is qualified, the
11 elector presents proof of identification, whenever required, or submits a statement
12 containing his or her name and address under this subdivision, and the application
13 is proper. The deputies shall each witness the certification and may, upon request
14 of the elector, assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. All voting shall be
15 conducted in the presence of the deputies. Upon request of the elector, a relative of
16 the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking the elector's
17 ballot. No individual other than a deputy may witness the certification and no
18 individual other than a deputy or relative of an elector may render voting assistance
19 to the elector.

20 **SECTION 120.** 6.875 (6) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.875 (6) (c) 2. Upon the request of a relative of an occupant of a nursing home
22 ~~or~~, qualified retirement home ~~or~~, qualified community-based residential facility,
23 qualified residential care apartment complex, or qualified adult family home, the
24 administrator of the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex may notify the relative of the time
25 or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the home

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1 ~~or~~, facility, or complex and permit the relative to be present in the room where the
2 voting is conducted.

3 **SECTION 121.** 6.875 (6) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.875 **(6)** (e) If a qualified elector is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate
5 visits by the deputies to the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex, the deputies shall so inform
6 the municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners, who
7 may then send the ballot to the elector no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding
8 the election.

9 **SECTION 122.** 6.875 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.875 **(7)** One observer from each of the 2 recognized political parties whose
11 candidate for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the
12 municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each
13 home ~~or~~, facility, or complex where absentee voting will take place under this section.
14 The observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common
15 areas of the home ~~or~~, facility, or complex. Each party wishing to have an observer
16 present shall submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election
17 commissioners no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to
18 the visit.

19 **SECTION 123.** 6.88 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.88 **(3)** (a) Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed
21 under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day,
22 the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, in such a manner
23 that members of the public can hear and see the procedures, open the carrier
24 envelope only, and announce the name of the absent elector or the identification
25 serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s.

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1 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been properly executed,
2 the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, and the applicant
3 has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the
4 applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then
5 open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the
6 certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it
7 or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95,
8 the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If
9 the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and no proof
10 of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the document that is provided is
11 not the same as the name and address shown on the poll list, or if the elector is not
12 a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as defined in s.
13 6.34 (1) (b), and the elector is required to provide a copy of proof of identification
14 under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. and no copy of the proof of identification is enclosed or the name
15 on the document cannot be verified by the inspectors, the inspectors shall proceed as
16 provided under s. 6.97 (2). The inspectors shall then deposit the ballot into the proper
17 ballot box and enter the absent elector's name or voting number after his or her name
18 on the poll list in the same manner as if the elector had been present and voted in
19 person.

20 **SECTION 124.** 6.92 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.92 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), each inspector shall challenge for cause
22 any person offering to vote whom the inspector knows or suspects is not a qualified
23 elector or who does not adhere to any voting requirement under this chapter. If a
24 person is challenged as unqualified by an inspector, one of the inspectors shall
25 administer the following oath or affirmation to the person: "You do solemnly swear

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1 (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all questions put to you regarding your
2 place of residence and qualifications as an elector of this election”; and shall then ask
3 questions which are appropriate as determined by the board, by rule, to test the
4 person’s qualifications.

5 **SECTION 125.** 6.94 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **6.94 Challenged elector oath.** If the person challenged refuses to answer
7 fully any relevant questions put to him or her by the inspector under s. 6.92, the
8 inspectors shall reject the elector’s vote. If the challenge is not withdrawn after the
9 person offering to vote has answered the questions, one of the inspectors shall
10 administer to the person the following oath or affirmation: “You do solemnly swear
11 (or affirm) that: you are 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United States; you
12 are now and for ~~40~~ 28 consecutive days have been a resident of this ward except under
13 s. 6.02 (2); you have not voted at this election; you have not made any bet or wager
14 or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the
15 result of this election; you are not on any other ground disqualified to vote at this
16 election”. If the person challenged refuses to take the oath or affirmation, the
17 person’s vote shall be rejected. If the person challenged answers fully all relevant
18 questions put to the elector by the inspector under s. 6.92, takes the oath or
19 affirmation, and fulfills the applicable registration requirements, and if the answers
20 to the questions given by the person indicate that the person meets the voting
21 qualification requirements, the person’s vote shall be received.

22 **SECTION 126.** 6.965 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **6.965 Voting procedure for electors presenting citation or notice in**
24 **lieu of license or receipt.** Whenever any elector is allowed to vote at a polling place
25 under s. 6.79 (7) by presenting a citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend an

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1 operator's license in lieu of an operator's license or driving receipt issued to the
2 elector under ch. 343, the inspectors shall, before giving the elector a ballot, write on
3 the back of the ballot the serial number of the elector corresponding to the number
4 kept at the election on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the
5 notation "s. 6.965." If voting machines are used in the municipality where the elector
6 is voting, the elector's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot furnished
7 by the municipal clerk which shall have the notation "s. 6.965" written on the back
8 of the ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. If the municipal
9 clerk receives an absentee ballot from an elector who presents a citation or notice,
10 or copy thereof, under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4., the clerk shall enter a notation on the
11 certificate envelope "Ballot under s. 6.965, stats." Upon receiving the envelope, the
12 inspectors shall open and write on the back of the ballot the serial number of the
13 elector corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other list
14 maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.965." The inspectors shall indicate
15 on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 the fact that the elector is voting
16 by using a citation or notice in lieu of a license or driving receipt. The inspectors shall
17 then deposit the ballot. The ballot shall then be counted under s. 5.85, or under s.
18 7.51 or 7.52.

19 **SECTION 127.** 6.97 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **6.97 (title) Voting procedure for individuals not providing required**
21 **proof of residence or identification.**

22 **SECTION 128.** 6.97 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.97 (1) Whenever any individual who is required to provide proof of residence
24 under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to vote appears to vote at a polling place and
25 cannot provide the required proof of residence, the inspectors shall offer the

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1 opportunity for the individual to vote under this section. Whenever any individual,
2 other than a military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as
3 defined in s. 6.34 (1) (b), or an elector who has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2),
4 appears to vote at a polling place and does not present proof of identification under
5 s. 6.79 (2), whenever required, the inspectors or the municipal clerk shall similarly
6 offer the opportunity for the individual to vote under this section. If the individual
7 wishes to vote, the inspectors shall provide the elector with an envelope marked
8 “Ballot under s. 6.97, stats.” on which the serial number of the elector is entered and
9 shall require the individual to execute on the envelope a written affirmation stating
10 that the individual is a qualified elector of the ward or election district where he or
11 she offers to vote and is eligible to vote in the election. The inspectors shall, before
12 giving the elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot the serial number of the
13 individual corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other
14 list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation “s. 6.97”. If voting machines are used
15 in the municipality where the individual is voting, the individual’s vote may be
16 received only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the municipal clerk which shall
17 have the corresponding number from the poll list or other list maintained under s.
18 6.79 and the notation “s. 6.97” written on the back of the ballot by the inspectors
19 before the ballot is given to the elector. When receiving the individual’s ballot, the
20 inspectors shall provide the individual with written voting information prescribed
21 by the board under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that
22 the individual is required to provide proof of residence or proof of identification under
23 s. 6.79 (2) but did not do so. The inspectors shall notify the individual that he or she
24 may provide proof of residence or proof of identification to the municipal clerk or
25 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners. The inspectors

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1 shall also promptly notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the name,
2 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the
3 ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

4 **SECTION 129.** 6.97 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.97 (2) Whenever any individual who votes by absentee ballot is required to
6 provide proof of residence in order to be permitted to vote and does not provide the
7 required proof of residence under s. 6.34, the inspectors shall treat the ballot as a
8 provisional ballot under this section. Whenever any individual, other than a military
9 elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (a), or an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1) (b),
10 an individual who has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2), or an individual who
11 is exempted under s. 6.87 (4) or s. 6.875 (6), votes by absentee ballot and does not
12 enclose a copy of the proof of identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1., the inspectors shall
13 similarly treat the ballot as a provisional ballot under this section. Upon removing
14 the ballot from the envelope, the inspectors shall write on the back of the absentee
15 ballot the serial number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the
16 election on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation “s.
17 6.97”. The inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required
18 to provide proof of residence or to provide, or provide a copy of, proof of identification
19 as required under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. but did not do so. The inspectors shall promptly
20 notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the municipal board of election
21 commissioners of the name, address, and serial number of the individual. The
22 inspectors shall then place the ballot inside an envelope on which the name and
23 serial number of the elector is entered and shall place the envelope in a separate
24 carrier envelope.