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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 51,  
TO 2011 SENATE BILL 275**

March 15, 2012 – Offered by Representative MASON.

1           At the locations indicated, amend the bill, as shown by senate substitute  
2           amendment 2, as follows:

3           **1.** Page 1, line 5: delete “Milwaukee area technical college district board” and  
4           substitute “the Western Technical college district board, providing an exemption  
5           from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, and granting  
6           rule-making authority”.

7           **2.** Page 1, line 6: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with  
8           page 6, line 20, including the material inserted by senate amendment 1, and  
9           substitute:

10           “**SECTION 1.** 5.02 (3), (21) and (23) of the statutes are amended to read:

11           5.02 (3) “Educational officer” means the state superintendent, a member of the  
12           Western Technical college district board, and a school board members member.

1           **(21)** “Spring election” means the election held on the first Tuesday in April to  
2 elect judicial officers, educational and officers other than Western Technical college  
3 district board members, municipal officers, nonpartisan county officers and  
4 sewerage commissioners and to express preferences for the person to be the  
5 presidential candidate for each party in a year in which electors for president and  
6 vice president are to be elected.

7           **(23)** “State office” means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary  
8 of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, justice of the  
9 supreme court, court of appeals judge, circuit court judge, state senator, state  
10 representative to the assembly and, district attorney, and member of the Western  
11 Technical college district board.

12           **SECTION 2.** 5.62 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

13           **5.62 (2m)** WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD. In those years when  
14 a primary is scheduled, there shall be a separate ballot for member of the Western  
15 Technical college district board. Arrangement of the names on the ballot shall be  
16 determined by the government accountability board in the same manner as provided  
17 under s. 5.60 (1) (b). The ballot shall be titled “Official Primary Ballot for Western  
18 Technical College District Board.”

19           **SECTION 3m.** 5.64 (1) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

20           **5.64 (1)** (title) OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR PARTISAN OFFICES.

21           **SECTION 4.** 5.64 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

22           **5.64 (1m)** WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD. In those years when  
23 an election is scheduled, there shall be a separate ballot for each member of the  
24 Western Technical college district board. The government accountability board shall

1 determine the official ballot arrangement for Western Technical college district  
2 board candidates by using the same method as that used under 5.60 (1) (b).

3 (b) Only the 2 candidates for election to the Western Technical college district  
4 board receiving the highest numbers of votes within each election district at the  
5 primary election shall be nominees for their respective offices at the general election.  
6 Only their names shall appear on the official general election ballot.

7 **SECTION 6.** 7.60 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 7.60 (4) (a) The board of canvassers shall make separate duplicate statements  
9 showing the numbers of votes cast for the offices of president and vice president; state  
10 officials; U.S. senators and representatives in congress; state legislators; justice;  
11 court of appeals judge; circuit judges; members of the Western Technical college  
12 district boards; district attorneys; and metropolitan sewerage commissioners, if the  
13 commissioners are elected under s. 200.09 (11) (am). If a municipal judge elected  
14 under s. 755.01 (4) serves a municipality that is located partially within the county  
15 and candidates for that judgeship file nomination papers in another county, the  
16 board of canvassers shall prepare a duplicate statement showing the numbers of  
17 votes cast for that judgeship in that county for transmittal to the other county. For  
18 partisan candidates, the statements shall include the political party or principle  
19 designation, if any, next to the name of each candidate. The board of canvassers shall  
20 also prepare a statement showing the results of any county, technical college district,  
21 or statewide referendum. Each statement shall state the total number of votes cast  
22 in the county for each office; the names of all persons for whom the votes were cast,  
23 as returned; the number of votes cast for each person; and the number of votes cast  
24 for and against any question submitted at a referendum. The board of canvassers  
25 shall use one copy of each duplicate statement to report to the government

1 accountability board, technical college district board, or board of canvassers of any  
2 other county and shall file the other statement in the office of the county clerk or  
3 board of election commissioners.

4 **SECTION 7.** 7.60 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 115,  
5 is amended to read:

6 7.60 (5) (a) Immediately following the canvass, the county clerk shall deliver  
7 or transmit to the government accountability board a certified copy of each statement  
8 of the county board of canvassers for president and vice president, state officials,  
9 senators and representatives in congress, state legislators, justice, court of appeals  
10 judge, circuit judge, members of the Western Technical college district board, district  
11 attorney, and metropolitan sewerage commissioners, if the commissioners are  
12 elected under s. 200.09 (11) (am). The statement shall record the returns for each  
13 office or referendum by ward, unless combined returns are authorized under s. 5.15  
14 (6) (b) in which case the statement shall record the returns for each group of  
15 combined wards. Following primaries the county clerk shall enclose on forms  
16 prescribed by the government accountability board the names, party or principle  
17 designation, if any, and number of votes received by each candidate recorded in the  
18 same manner. The county clerk shall deliver or transmit the certified statement to  
19 the government accountability board no later than 9 days after each primary except  
20 the partisan primary, no later than 10 days after the partisan primary and any other  
21 election except the general election, and no later than 14 days after the general  
22 election. The board of canvassers shall deliver or transmit a certified copy of each  
23 statement for any technical college district referendum to the secretary of the  
24 technical college district board.

25 **SECTION 7m.** 7.70 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           7.70 (3) (d) When the certified statements and returns are received, the  
2 chairperson of the board or the chairperson's designee shall proceed to examine and  
3 make a statement of the total number of votes cast at any election for the offices  
4 involved in the election for president and vice president; a statement for each of the  
5 offices of governor, lieutenant governor, if a primary, and a joint statement for the  
6 offices of governor and lieutenant governor, if a general election; a statement for each  
7 of the offices of secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, and state  
8 superintendent; for U.S. senator; representative in congress for each congressional  
9 district; the state legislature; justice; court of appeals judge; circuit judge; Western  
10 Technical college district board member; district attorney; metropolitan sewerage  
11 commission, if the commissioners are elected under s. 200.09 (11) (am); and for any  
12 referenda questions submitted by the legislature.

13           **SECTION 8.** 7.70 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

14           7.70 (6) WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS; DETERMINATIONS.  
15 The government accountability board shall transmit to the secretary of the technical  
16 college district board a copy of the certified determination of the chairperson of the  
17 government accountability board or his or her designee for the election of each  
18 member of the Western Technical college district board.

19           **SECTION 10.** 8.11 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

20           8.11 (6) WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS. A primary shall  
21 be held in an election for any seat on Western Technical college district board  
22 whenever there are more than 2 candidates in any election district.

23           **SECTION 10e.** 8.15 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           8.15 (5) (a) ~~Each~~ Except as provided in par. (am), each nomination paper shall  
25 have substantially the following words printed at the top:

1 I, the undersigned, request that the name of (insert candidate's last name plus  
2 first name, nickname or initial, and middle name, former legal surname, nickname  
3 or middle initial or initials if desired, but no other abbreviations or titles) residing  
4 at (insert candidate's street address) be placed on the ballot at the (general or special)  
5 election to be held on (date of election) as a candidate representing the (name of  
6 party) so that voters will have the opportunity to vote for (him or her) for the office  
7 of (name of office). I am eligible to vote in (name of jurisdiction or district in which  
8 candidate seeks office). I have not signed the nomination paper of any other  
9 candidate for the same office at this election.

10 **SECTION 10g.** 8.15 (5) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

11 8.15 (5) (am) For the office of member of the Western Technical college district  
12 board, the nomination paper format under s. 8.10 (2) (b) shall apply except that  
13 reference to the general election shall be inserted.

14 **SECTION 10m.** 8.15 (6) (ds) of the statutes is created to read:

15 8.15 (6) (ds) For the office of member of the Western Technical college district  
16 board from any election district, not less than 200 nor more than 400 electors.

17 **SECTION 11.** 9.10 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 9.10 (1) (a) The qualified electors of the state, of any county, city, village, or  
19 town, of any congressional, legislative, judicial, Western Technical college, town  
20 sanitary, or school district, or of any prosecutorial unit may petition for the recall of  
21 any incumbent elective official by filing a petition with the same official or agency  
22 with whom nomination papers or declarations of candidacy for the office are filed  
23 demanding the recall of the officeholder.

24 **SECTION 12.** 9.10 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           9.10 (2) (b) A recall petition for a city, village, town, Western Technical college  
2 district, town sanitary district, or school district office shall contain a statement of  
3 a reason for the recall which is related to the official responsibilities of the official for  
4 whom removal is sought.

5           **SECTION 13.** 9.10 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           9.10 (2) (d) No petition may be offered for filing for the recall of an officer unless  
7 the petitioner first files a registration statement under s. 11.05 (1) or (2) with the  
8 filing officer with whom the petition is filed. The petitioner shall append to the  
9 registration a statement indicating his or her intent to circulate a recall petition, the  
10 name of the officer for whom recall is sought and, in the case of a petition for the recall  
11 of a city, village, town, Western Technical college district, town sanitary district, or  
12 school district officer, a statement of a reason for the recall which is related to the  
13 official responsibilities of the official for whom removal is sought. No petitioner may  
14 circulate a petition for the recall of an officer prior to completing registration. The  
15 last date that a petition for the recall of an officer may be offered for filing is 5 p.m.  
16 on the 60th day commencing after registration. After the recall petition has been  
17 offered for filing, no name may be added or removed. No signature may be counted  
18 unless the date of the signature is within the period provided in this paragraph.

19           **SECTION 14.** 9.10 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           9.10 (3) (a) This subsection applies to the recall of all elective officials other  
21 than city, village, town, Western Technical college district, town sanitary district,  
22 and school district officials. City, village, town, Western Technical college district,  
23 town sanitary district, and school district officials are recalled under sub. (4).

24           **SECTION 15.** 9.10 (4) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           9.10 (4) (title) CITY, VILLAGE, TOWN, TOWN SANITARY DISTRICT, WESTERN TECHNICAL  
2 COLLEGE DISTRICT, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES.

3           **SECTION 16.** 9.10 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           9.10 (4) (a) Within 10 days after a petition for the recall of a city, village, town,  
5 Western Technical college district, town sanitary district, or school district official,  
6 is offered for filing, the officer against whom the petition is filed may file a written  
7 challenge with the ~~municipal clerk or board of election commissioners or school~~  
8 ~~district clerk~~ official or agency with whom it is filed, specifying any alleged  
9 insufficiency. If a challenge is filed, the petitioner may file a written rebuttal to the  
10 challenge with the ~~clerk or board of election commissioners~~ official or agency within  
11 5 days after the challenge is filed. If a rebuttal is filed, the officer against whom the  
12 petition is filed may file a reply to any new matter raised in the rebuttal within 2 days  
13 after the rebuttal is filed. Within 14 days after the expiration of the time allowed for  
14 filing a reply to a rebuttal, the ~~clerk or board of election commissioners~~ official or  
15 agency shall file the certificate or an amended certificate. Within 31 days after the  
16 petition is offered for filing, the ~~clerk or board of election commissioners~~ official or  
17 agency shall determine by careful examination of the face of the petition whether the  
18 petition is sufficient and shall so state in a certificate attached to the petition. If the  
19 petition is found to be insufficient, the certificate shall state the particulars creating  
20 the insufficiency. The petition may be amended to correct any insufficiency within  
21 5 days following the affixing of the original certificate. Within 2 days after the  
22 offering of the amended petition for filing, the ~~clerk or board of election~~  
23 ~~commissioners~~ official or agency shall again carefully examine the face of the petition  
24 to determine sufficiency and shall attach to the petition a certificate stating the  
25 findings. Immediately upon finding an original or amended petition sufficient,



1       except in cities over 500,000 population and in the Western Technical college district,  
2       the ~~municipal clerk or school district clerk~~ official shall transmit the petition to the  
3       governing body or to the school board. Immediately upon finding an original or  
4       amended petition sufficient, in cities over 500,000 population, the board of election  
5       commissioners shall file the petition in its office. Immediately upon finding an  
6       original or amended petition sufficient, in the Western Technical college district, the  
7       government accountability board shall file the petition in its office.

8               **SECTION 17.** 9.10 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

9               9.10 (4) (d) Promptly upon receipt of a certificate under par. (a), the governing  
10       body, school board, ~~or~~ board of election commissioners, or government accountability  
11       board shall call a recall election. The recall election shall be held on the Tuesday of  
12       the 6th week commencing after the date on which the certificate is filed, except that  
13       if Tuesday is a legal holiday the recall election shall be held on the first day after  
14       Tuesday which is not a legal holiday.

15              **SECTION 18.** 9.10 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

16              9.10 (7) PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to facilitate the operation of  
17       article XIII, section 12, of the constitution and to extend the same rights to electors  
18       of cities, villages, towns, the Western Technical college district, town sanitary  
19       districts, and school districts.

20              **SECTION 19.** 11.26 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21              11.26 (1) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly or member of the  
22       Western Technical college district board, \$500.

23              **SECTION 20.** 11.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24              11.26 (2) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly or member of the  
25       Western Technical college district board, \$500.

1           **SECTION 21.** 11.31 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           11.31 **(1)** (f) Candidates for representative to the assembly or member of the  
3 Western Technical college district board, \$17,250 total in the primary and election,  
4 with disbursements not exceeding \$10,775 for either the primary or the election.

5           **SECTION 22.** 11.31 (1) (g) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           11.31 **(1)** (g) (intro.) In any jurisdiction or district, other than the Western  
7 Technical college district or a judicial district or circuit, with a population of 500,000  
8 or more according to the most recent federal census covering the entire jurisdiction  
9 or district:

10          **SECTION 23.** 17.01 (10m) of the statutes is created to read:

11          17.01 **(10m)** By a member of the Western Technical college district board, to  
12 the secretary of the district board.

13          **SECTION 24.** 17.02 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

14          17.02 **(2)** WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD. Of the resignation of a  
15 member of the Western Technical college district board, by the secretary of the  
16 district board to the government accountability board.

17          **SECTION 25.** 17.17 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

18          17.17 **(2)** WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD. In the office of member  
19 of the Western Technical college district board, by the secretary of the district board  
20 to the government accountability board.

21          **SECTION 26.** 17.27 (3) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

22          17.27 **(3)** WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD. Except as provided in  
23 s. 9.10, a vacancy in the office of member of the Western Technical college district  
24 board may be filled by temporary appointment of the remaining members of the  
25 district board. The temporary appointee shall serve until a successor is elected and

1 qualifies. If the vacancy occurs in any year after the Tuesday after the first Monday  
2 in November, and on or before April 15, the vacancy shall be filled for the residue of  
3 the unexpired term, if any, at the succeeding general election. If the vacancy occurs  
4 in any year after April 15 or on or before the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
5 November, the vacancy shall be filled for the residue of the unexpired term, if any,  
6 at the 2nd succeeding general election.

7 **SECTION 28.** 38.06 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

8 38.06 (6) Promptly upon issuance of a reorganization order for the Milwaukee  
9 area district by the board, the director of the board shall transmit a copy of the order  
10 to the government accountability board.

11 **SECTION 28m.** 38.08 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 38.08 (1) (a) 1. ~~A~~ Except as provided in subd. 1m, a district board shall  
13 administer the district and shall be composed of 9 members who are residents of the  
14 district, including 2 employers, 2 employees, 3 additional members, a school district  
15 administrator, as defined under s. 115.001 (8), and one elected official who holds a  
16 state or local office, as defined in s. 5.02. The board shall by rule define “employer”  
17 and “employee” for the purpose of this subdivision.

18 **SECTION 29.** 38.08 (1) (a) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

19 38.08 (1) (a) 1m. The members of the Milwaukee area district board shall be  
20 elected to represent numbered election districts within the Western Technical college  
21 district by the electors of each election district on a nonpartisan ballot at the general  
22 election. Each member of the district board shall be an elector of the numbered  
23 election district within the technical college district for which he or she seeks office.

24 **SECTION 30.** 38.08 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           38.08 (1) (b) Except as provided in par. (c), district board members shall take  
2 office on July 1 and shall serve staggered 3–year terms.

3           **SECTION 31.** 38.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4           38.08 (1) (c) District board members in the Milwaukee area district shall serve  
5 4–year terms and shall take office on the first Monday in January following their  
6 election. Promptly upon receipt of the determinations from the government  
7 accountability board under s. 7.70 (6) and upon appointment of any person to fill a  
8 temporary vacancy on the Milwaukee area district board, the secretary of the district  
9 board shall send written notification of the name and address of each member and  
10 expiration date of each member’s term to the director of the technical college system  
11 board.

12           **SECTION 31e.** 38.08 (1g) of the statutes is repealed.

13           **SECTION 31j.** 38.08 (2) and (2m) of the statutes are amended to read:

14           38.08 (2) Members of a district board other than the Western Technical college  
15 district board shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. A  
16 vacancy shall be filled for any unexpired term of more than 90 days in the manner  
17 provided for the making of original appointments in s. 38.10, except that if a vacancy  
18 occurs within 120 days preceding a spring election, the vacancy need not be filled  
19 until 60 days after the spring election, in the manner provided in s. 38.10.

20           **(2m)** Any member of a district board other than the Western Technical college  
21 district board serving as an elected official under sub. (1) (a) 1. shall cease to be a  
22 member upon vacating his or her office as an elected official.

23           **SECTION 33.** 38.08 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

24           38.08 (6) (a) Within 90 days after the population count by block, established  
25 in the decennial federal census of population, and maps showing the location and

1 numbering of census blocks become available in printed form from the federal  
2 government or are published for distribution by an agency of this state or within 90  
3 days after alteration of the boundaries of an existing district, the district board of the  
4 Milwaukee area district shall apportion and prescribe the boundaries of 9 numbered  
5 election districts within the district, to be as nearly equal in population as possible.  
6 Alterations in election districts resulting from boundary changes to the existing  
7 district may be made only to the extent required to facilitate the change. Insofar as  
8 possible, each election district shall be compact and observe the community of  
9 interest of existing neighborhoods. A detailed map and description of each election  
10 district prescribed by the district board shall be prepared and transmitted by the  
11 district board to the director of the technical college system board.

12 (b) All proposed district boundaries prescribed by the Milwaukee area district  
13 board under par. (a) shall become effective only upon their approval by the technical  
14 college system board. If the technical college system board disapproves the proposed  
15 boundaries, the district board shall submit a revised districting plan for approval of  
16 the technical college system board. Upon approval of the election district boundaries  
17 within any district, the technical college system board shall promulgate the  
18 boundaries established under par. (a) as a rule under ch. 227. The boundaries shall  
19 become effective on the effective date of the rule.

20 **SECTION 34m.** 38.10 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 38.10 (1) (intro.) District board members in districts other than the Western  
22 Technical college district shall be appointed by an appointment committee  
23 constituted as follows:

24 **SECTION 35. Nonstatutory provisions.**

1           (1) INITIAL ELECTION OF WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD.

2           Notwithstanding section 29, of the statutes, as created by this act, within 60 days  
3           after the effective date of this subsection, the appointment committee of the Western  
4           Technical college district shall adopt and transmit to the secretary of the technical  
5           college district board and the director of the technical college system board an initial  
6           districting plan for election districts as required by section 38.08 (6) of the statutes,  
7           as created by this act. The technical college system board shall review and determine  
8           its approval or disapproval of each plan as promptly as possible. If the plan is  
9           rejected, the appointment committee shall submit a new plan for approval.  
10          Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3) of the statutes, the technical  
11          college system board may promulgate the plan as an emergency rule under section  
12          227.24 of the statutes without providing evidence that promulgating a rule under  
13          this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public  
14          peace, health, safety, or welfare, and is not required to provide a finding of emergency  
15          for a rule promulgated under this subsection. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (c)  
16          of the statutes, an emergency rule promulgated under this subsection applies until  
17          a rule replacing that rule takes effect or until the actions specified in section 227.24  
18          (1) (d) of the statutes occur, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding section 227.19 (4)  
19          to (6) of the statutes, the rule replacing a valid emergency rule adopted under this  
20          subsection may not contain any substantive change from the emergency rule.  
21          Notwithstanding sections 227.135 (2) and (4) and 227.24 (1) (e) 1d. and 1g. of the  
22          statutes, a proposed emergency rule promulgated under this subsection and the  
23          statement of the scope of the proposed emergency rule are not subject to approval of  
24          the governor.

1 (2) TRANSITIONAL TERMS. Notwithstanding chapter 269, laws of 1981, section 22,  
2 and section 38.08 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the members of the  
3 Western Technical college district board who hold office on the effective date of this  
4 subsection shall cease to hold office on January 7, 2013. At the 2012 general election,  
5 9 members shall be elected to the technical college district board for terms  
6 commencing on January 7, 2013. Notwithstanding section 38.08 (1) (c) of the  
7 statutes, as created by this act, the persons elected to represent election districts  
8 numbered 1 and 2 at that election shall serve for terms of one year, the persons  
9 elected to represent election districts numbered 3 and 4 at that election shall serve  
10 for terms of 2 years, the persons elected to represent election districts numbered 5  
11 and 6 at that election shall serve for terms of 3 years, and the persons elected to  
12 represent election districts numbered 7, 8, and 9 at that election shall serve for terms  
13 of 4 years.

14 (3) VACANCIES. Notwithstanding section 38.10 of the statutes, the appointment  
15 committee of the Western Technical college district shall not make any appointment  
16 to the technical college district board for the purpose of filling a vacancy resulting  
17 from expiration of a term of office after the effective date of this subsection.

18 **SECTION 36. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on April 15, 2012, except  
19 as follows:

20 (1) The treatment of sections 17.01 (10m), 17.02 (2), 17.17 (2), 17.27 (3), 38.08  
21 (1) (a) 1. and 1m., (b), and (c), (1g), (2), and (2m), 38.08 (6), and 38.10 (1) (intro.) of  
22 the statutes takes effect on January 7, 2013.”.

23 (END)