

**2013 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Bill**

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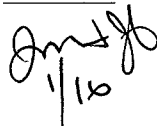
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1 **AN ACT** ...; **relating to:** transferring responsibility over biennial updating of  
2 voter registration list to the Government Accountability Board.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Current law requires the municipal clerk or the board of election commissioners of each municipality (municipal clerk) to examine the voter registration records for that municipality within 90 days of each general election to identify any elector who was qualified to vote over the preceding four years but who has not voted within that four-year period (non-voting elector). The municipal clerk must mail a "Notice of Suspension of Registration" to each non-voting elector informing the elector that the elector's registration will be suspended if the elector does not apply for continuation of registration within 30 days. If the non-voting elector fails to apply for continuation of registration as directed, the municipal clerk must change the elector's registration status from eligible to ineligible.

This bill transfers responsibility for reviewing each municipality's voter registration records and mailing the Notice of Suspension of Registration forms from the municipal clerk to the Government Accountability Board (board). The bill authorizes the board to delegate these responsibilities back to the municipal clerk.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1           **SECTION 1.** 6.50 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           6.50 (1) Within 90 days following each general election, the ~~municipal clerk or~~  
3           ~~board of election commissioners of each municipality~~ shall examine the registration  
4           records for each municipality and identify each elector who has not voted within the  
5           previous 4 years if qualified to do so during that entire period ~~and.~~ The board shall  
6           mail a notice to the elector in substantially the following form:

7           “NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF  
8           REGISTRATION

9           You are hereby notified that your voter registration will be suspended,  
10          according to state law, for failure to vote within the previous 4-year period, unless  
11          you apply for continuation of your registration within 30 days. You may continue  
12          your registration by signing the statement below and returning it to this office by  
13          mail or in person.

14          APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION  
15          OF REGISTRATION

16          I hereby certify that I still reside at the address at which I am registered and  
17          apply for continuation of registration.

18          Signed ....

19          Present Address ....

20          If you have changed your residence within this municipality or changed your  
21          name, please contact ~~this~~ the office of the municipality ... (mailing address and  
22          telephone number of office of municipal clerk or board of election commissioners) to  
23          complete a change of name or address form.

24          [~~Office of clerk or government accountability~~ board of election commissioners

25          Address

1 Telephone]”.

**History:** 1971 c. 242; 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (2); 1971 c. 336 s. 37; 1973 c. 164; 1975 c. 85, 199, 200; 1977 c. 394 ss. 27, 53; 1979 c. 260; 1983 a. 484; 1985 a. 304; 1987 a. 391; 1999 a. 150 s. 672; 2003 a. 265, 326; 2005 a. 451; 2011 a. 75.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: I modified the form of the NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION. As modified, a person who is applying to continue registration at their current address will return the form to the Government Accountability Board (address shown in brackets), but a person who needs to change the address at which they are registered will be required to contact their municipal clerk or their board of election commissioners (address shown in parentheses). Is that consistent with your intent? Do you want to permit an elector to, instead (or in addition), contact GAB to change the address at which he or she is registered?

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18 SECTION 5. Initial applicability.



1 (1) This act first applies with respect to elections held at least 60 days after the  
2 effective date of this subsection.

3 (END)

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE  
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Date

Senator Lazich:

Please review this draft, including the embedded drafters<sup>12</sup> note, and let me know if you have any questions or wish to make any changes. If you are comfortable with the bill as drafted, I will prepare the bill for introduction.

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January 13, 2014

LRB - 2884 (Zach, Sen. Lazich)

→ change time by which GAB must mail notice from 90 days to by May 15

→ per embedded note, require elector to notify municipal clerk, not board (GAB), of the elector's desire to continue registration.





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however,

Under the bill, the nonvoting elector must return the application for continuation of registration to the elector's municipal clerk ~~or board of election commissioners~~

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1 AN ACT to amend 6.50 (1), 6.50 (2) and 6.50 (7); and to create 6.50 (2m) of the

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The bill changes the date by which this notification must occur from within 90 days following each general election to no later than May 15 following each general election.

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**Kuczenski, Tracy**

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:40 PM  
**To:** Kuczenski, Tracy  
**Subject:** RE: Draft review: LRB -2886/P2 Topic: GAB to revise registration list

Hey Tracy,

This looks great. I just talked with GAB and we need the date changed from May 15 to June 15 on Page 2, Line 2. With that change we should be ready for introduction.

Thanks!

**Zach Bemis**

Legislative Assistant  
Office of State Senator Mary Lazich  
28<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
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**From:** LRB.Legal  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 11:47 AM  
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**Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -2886/P2.**



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5           [Office of clerk or board of election commissioners

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24           **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

1 (1) This act first applies with respect to elections held at least 60 days after the  
2 effective date of this subsection.

3 (END)

**Parisi, Lori**

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**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB -2886/1 Topic: GAB to revise registration list

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