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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 377**

March 11, 2014 – Offered by Senators L. TAYLOR, LASSA, CARPENTER, VINEHOUT,
HARRIS, SHILLING, T. CULLEN, RISSER and C. LARSON.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 2: after “statistics” insert “and review by the Government
3 Accountability Board of legislation affecting elections”.

4 **2.** Page 3, line 11: after that line insert:

5 “SECTION 4m. 13.0955 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **13.0955 Review of legislation affecting elections.** (1) DEFINITION. In this
7 section, “board” means the government accountability board.

8 (2) REPORT ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING ELECTIONS. (a) When legislation that
9 directly or substantially impacts election law or the administration or conduct of
10 elections in this state is offered or introduced in either house of the legislature, the
11 board shall prepare a report on the legislation within 45 days after it is offered or
12 introduced. The board shall confer with municipal clerks and boards of election
13 commissioners of both rural and urban municipalities and counties about

1 anticipated costs or savings associated with the proposed legislation and may
2 request any information from other state agencies, local units of government,
3 individuals, or organizations that is reasonably necessary for the board to prepare
4 the report.

5 (b) Legislation that requires a report under this section shall have that
6 requirement noted on its jacket when the jacket is prepared. When legislation that
7 requires a report under this section is offered or introduced, the legislative reference
8 bureau shall submit a copy of the legislation to the board.

9 (c) A report prepared under this section shall be printed as an appendix to the
10 legislation about which the report was prepared and shall be distributed in the same
11 manner as amendments.

12 **(3) INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT.** The board shall include the
13 following information about the proposed legislation in its report:

14 (a) A discussion of how the legislation will affect the efficiency and effectiveness
15 of election administration.

16 (b) A discussion of whether the legislation is consistent with protecting and
17 enhancing the right of eligible electors to vote and to have a voice in their
18 government.

19 (c) A discussion of the anticipated costs or savings to local units of government,
20 the board, and the state as a result of implementing the proposed legislation.

21 **(4) LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION.** No public hearing may be held
22 before any standing committee on any legislation that requires a report under this
23 section or, if no public hearing is to be held, no vote may be taken on the legislation
24 by a standing committee until the board has completed its report and the report has
25 been printed and distributed as provided under this section.

