



2013 SENATE BILL 548

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 6.50 (1), 6.50 (2) and 6.50 (7); and *to create* 6.50 (2g) and 6.50
2 (2r) of the statutes; **relating to:** transferring responsibility over biennial
3 updating of voter registration list to the Government Accountability Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 6.50 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 6.50 (1) ~~Within 90 days~~ No later than June 15 following each general election,
6 the ~~municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality~~ shall
7 examine the registration records for each municipality and identify each elector who
8 has not voted within the previous 4 years if qualified to do so during that entire period
9 and shall mail a notice to the elector in substantially the following form:

10 “NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF
11 REGISTRATION

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1 You are hereby notified that your voter registration will be suspended,
2 according to state law, for failure to vote within the previous 4-year period, unless
3 you apply for continuation of your registration within 30 days. You may continue
4 your registration by signing the statement below and returning it to ~~this~~ the office
5 of the municipal clerk (mailing address and telephone number of office of
6 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners) by mail or in person.

7 APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION
8 OF REGISTRATION

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

11 Signed

12 Present Address

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

17 [Office of clerk or board of election commissioners

18 Address

19 Telephone]”.

20 **SECTION 2.** 6.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.50 (2) ~~The municipal clerk or~~ If an elector to whom a notice of suspension was
22 mailed under sub. (1) has not applied for continuation of registration within 30 days
23 of the date of mailing, the board of election commissioners shall change the
24 registration status of all notified electors ~~under sub. (1) who have not applied for~~
25 ~~continuation of registration within 30 days of the date of mailing of the notice of~~

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1 ~~suspension that elector~~ from eligible to ineligible status on the day that falls 30 days
2 after the date of mailing.

3 **SECTION 3.** 6.50 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.50 (2g) The board may delegate to a municipal clerk or board of election
5 commissioners of a municipality the responsibility to change the registration status
6 of electors when required under sub. (2).

7 **SECTION 4.** 6.50 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

8 6.50 (2r) As soon as practicable, but no later than August 1 following the
9 completion of the process under subs. (1) and (2), the board shall publish on its
10 Internet site the following information obtained through that process:

11 (a) The number of notices mailed under sub. (1).

12 (b) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned to the
13 board as undeliverable.

14 (c) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned
15 requesting continuation of registration.

16 (d) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned
17 requesting cancellation of registration.

18 (e) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned with an
19 indication that the named elector is deceased.

20 (f) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were not returned.

21 (g) The number of electors who received notices under sub. (1) and whose status
22 changed from eligible to ineligible.

23 (h) Any other information requested by the legislature or that the board
24 considers relevant.

25 **SECTION 5.** 6.50 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

