



## 2013 SENATE BILL 264

August 21, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LAZICH, VUKMIR and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives BERNIER, KNODL, T. LARSON and SANFELIPPO. Referred to Elections and Urban Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 7.51 (3) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** securing the ballot  
2           container.

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

Under current law, election inspectors take all ballots counted by them and secure the ballots together so that they cannot be separated or tampered with without breaking a seal. The inspectors then put the secured ballots into a ballot container and secure the container so that it cannot be opened without breaking a seal or lock or without destroying the container. Under this bill, only the chief inspector and one other inspector whose party affiliation is different than the chief inspector's party affiliation may secure the ballot container.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 7.51 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4           7.51 (3) (a) The inspectors shall place together all ballots counted by them  
5           which relate to any national, state or county office or any state, county or technical  
6           college district referendum and secure them together so that they cannot be untied  
7           or tampered with without breaking the seal. The secured ballots together with any

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1 ballots marked “Defective” shall then be secured by the ~~inspectors~~ chief inspector,  
2 and, if available, one other inspector whose party affiliation is different than the  
3 chief inspector’s party affiliation, in the ballot container in such a manner that the  
4 container cannot be opened without breaking the seals or locks, or destroying the  
5 container. The inspectors shall place the ballots cast under s. 6.97 in a separate,  
6 securely sealed carrier envelope which is clearly marked “Section 6.97 ballots”. The  
7 chief inspector and 2 other inspectors shall sign the carrier envelope. The carrier  
8 envelope shall not be placed in the ballot container. The inspectors shall then deliver  
9 the ballots to the municipal clerk in the ballot container and carrier envelope.

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