



## 2013 SENATE BILL 265

1     **AN ACT to amend** 7.30 (2) (a) and 7.30 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating**  
2             **to:** party representation for election officials serving at polling places.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may  
5             conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in ss. 7.15  
6             (1) (k) and 7.52 (1) (b), each election official shall be a qualified elector of the ward  
7             or wards, or the election district, for which the polling place is established. A special  
8             registration deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official who is  
9             appointed under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident  
10            of the ward or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the

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1 municipality, except that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration  
2 deputy or is appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need  
3 not be a resident of the municipality, but shall be a resident of the state. No more  
4 than 2 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without  
5 regard to municipal residency in any municipality at any election. Special  
6 registration deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve  
7 more than one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able  
8 to read and write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding,  
9 and may not be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they  
10 serve. In 1st class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public.  
11 Except as authorized under subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated  
12 with one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of  
13 votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward  
14 or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. Excluding  
15 the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the  
16 largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the  
17 next largest number of votes at each polling place. Whenever 2 or more inspectors  
18 are required to perform a function within a polling place and both parties that are  
19 entitled to submit nominees have done so, the chief inspector shall assign, insofar as  
20 practicable, an equal number of inspectors from the nominees of each party. Election  
21 officials appointed under this section may serve the electors of more than one ward  
22 where wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into  
23 wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large.

24 **SECTION 1m.** 7.30 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

