

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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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.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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: 7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may 4 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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municipality, except that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration 1 $\mathbf{2}$ 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 than 2 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without 4 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 13votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward 14or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. Excluding 15the 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 17next 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 20practicable, an equal number of inspectors from the nominees of each party. Election 21officials appointed under this section may serve the electors of more than one ward 22where wards are combined under s. 5.15(6)(b). If a municipality is not divided into 23wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large. $\mathbf{24}$ **SECTION 1m.** 7.30 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	7.30 (4) (b) (intro.) The 2 dominant parties, under sub. (2), are each responsible
2	for submitting a list of names from which all appointees to inspector positions, other
3	than appointees to inspector positions authorized under sub. (1) (b), shall be chosen.
4	Each person submitting the name of one or more nominees shall certify on his or her
5	list of nominations that the person has contacted each nominee whose name appears
6	on the list and that each nominee has agreed to serve as an election official. The
7	nominations shall be submitted as follows:
8	SECTION 2. Initial applicability.
9	(1) This act first applies with respect to elections held after the effective date
10	of this subsection.
11	(END)

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