



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 181
[2013 Senate Bill 265]

**Party Representation of
Poll Workers**

2013 Wisconsin Act 181 addresses assignment of poll workers from different political parties to perform tasks at a polling place.

Prior Law

The two dominant political parties are each responsible for submitting a list of nominees to be appointed as poll workers. If the parties submit such lists, then the nominees must be appointed as poll workers by the municipality. Prior law did not require that political party be considered when assigning poll workers to particular tasks within the polling place, nor did it require the parties to contact a nominee prior to submitting a list that included the nominee's name.

Act 181

Act 181 provides that whenever two or more poll workers are required to perform a function within a polling place and both parties have submitted nominees, then the chief inspector must assign, insofar as practicable, an equal number of poll workers from the nominees of each party. The Act further requires that a person submitting nominees on behalf of a political party must certify that the person has contacted each nominee on the list and that the nominees have agreed to serve as poll workers.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.