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2013 Wisconsin Act 182 [2013 Senate Bill 267]	**Recording Proof of Residence Documents**

2013 Wisconsin Act 182 makes changes related to the requirement for a voter to provide proof of residence when registering to vote and the information that must be recorded by clerks or poll workers regarding the proof of residence document.

Requiring Proof of Residence Regardless of Date

Act 182 eliminates the exemption for voters who register prior to the close of registration from having to provide proof of residence. Under prior law, a voter who registered before the close of registration (third Wednesday preceding an election) generally was not required to provide proof of residence when registering to vote. Act 182 requires all voters, except a military or overseas voter, to provide such proof of residence when registering. Under the Act, the requirement to provide proof of residence no longer depends upon the date an individual registers to vote.

Recording Proof of Residence

Act 182 requires the clerk or other individual authorized to accept a voter registration form (hereinafter, "the clerk") to record the type of document submitted as proof of residence. The clerk must also record the name of the entity or institution that issued the document and record a specified number of digits from any number that applies only to the individual holding the document (hereinafter, "individual identifying number"), if the document includes such a number. Registration forms are required to include a space where the clerk must record this information about proof of residence.

Act 182 also requires election officials to record certain proof of residence information on the poll list. The Act requires that, if proof of residence is provided by a voter, officials

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must enter the type of identifying document submitted by the voter and the name of the entity or institution that issued the document in the space provided on the poll list.

Act 182 also requires the Government Accountability Board to indicate on the official registration list certain information related to proof of residence. The Act requires the list to indicate the following: (a) whether a voter was required to provide proof of residence; (b) the type of identifying document the voter submitted; (c) the entity or institution that issued the identifying document; and (d) up to four digits of any individual identifying number.

Individual Identifying Number

Act 182 provides that an individual identifying number from a proof of residence document is no longer recorded on the poll list and also provides that only limited digits from the number are recorded. Prior law required that election officials record the type of identifying document a voter submitted as proof of residence, as well as any number on the document that applied only to the individual holding the document, such as a bank account number. Prior law required that this number be recorded on the poll list or separate list.

Act 182 provides that the number is no longer recorded on the poll list or separate list, but instead, is recorded only on the voter's registration form. The Act further provides that if a voter's proof of residence document includes an individual identifying number with more than six digits, then the clerk must record only the last four digits. If the document includes a number with six or fewer digits, then the clerk must record only the last two digits. The limit on digits also applies to the information recorded on the official registration list.

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