



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 24

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under *current law*, a board of canvassers generally must use automatic tabulating equipment to conduct a recount of ballots that are in machine-readable form. However, a candidate, or an elector when for a referendum, may petition the circuit court for an order requiring such ballots to be recounted by hand or by another method approved by the court.

Assembly Bill 24 allows the board of canvassers to conduct the recount of a specific election by hand, rather than by automatic tabulating equipment, unless a court orders the recount to be conducted by another method.

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that the board of canvassers, in using its discretion under the bill to conduct a recount by hand, may determine to conduct the recount by hand for only certain wards or election districts. This allows a board to recount using a combination of counting by hand and counting by automatic tabulating equipment, rather than requiring that all wards or districts be recounted using the same method.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Thiesfeldt. On March 12, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 24, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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