



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 54**

**Assembly Amendments  
1, 2, and 3**

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### **Current Law**

Under current law, in-person absentee voting at a municipal clerk's office may be conducted between the third Monday preceding the election and 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

### **Assembly Bill 54**

Assembly Bill 54 provides that in-person absentee voting may only be conducted Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day during the timeframe provided under current law. The clerk's office may not be open more than 40 hours a week to conduct in-person absentee voting.

### **Assembly Amendment 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 replaces the 5 p.m. in the bill and current law with 6 p.m. In addition, the amendment removes the 40-hour provision in the bill.

### **Assembly Amendment 2, As Amended**

Assembly Amendment 2, as amended by Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 2, provides that if a municipality has 30 or fewer hours available for in-person absentee voting in a week, as provided in the Type E notice, the municipal clerk or an election official may conduct in-person absentee voting at any time Monday to Friday. The municipal clerk or election official must witness the certificate for any ballot cast under this provision.

**Assembly Amendment 3**

Assembly Amendment 3 provides that in-person absentee voting may not be conducted on a legal holiday.

**Bill History**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Stroebel, and Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections. On November 12, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0 and adoption of Assembly Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 2. The committee also recommended passage of Assembly Bill 54, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representatives Stroebel, Bernier, and Brooks, and Assembly Amendment 3 was offered by Representative Stroebel. On November 14, 2013, the Assembly adopted the following amendments on voice votes: Assembly Amendment 1; Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 2; Assembly Amendment 2, as amended; and Assembly Amendment 3. The Assembly also passed Assembly Bill 54, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 53; Noes, 39; and Paired, 2.

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