



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 689**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, within 90 days following each general election, a municipal clerk must examine the registration records and identify each elector who has not voted within the previous four years. The clerk must mail a notice to the voter to notify the voter that his or her registration will be suspended for failing to vote within the prior four-year period, unless the voter applies for continuation of his or her registration within 30 days of the date of the mailing. If a notified voter has not applied for continuation of registration within the 30-day period, the clerk must change the registration of the voter from eligible to ineligible status.

**2013 Assembly Bill 689** requires that the Government Accountability Board (GAB), rather than municipal clerks, mail the notices to voters who have not voted within the previous four years. GAB must mail the notices no later than June 15 following each general election. The bill also requires GAB to publish certain information on its website, including: (1) the number of notices that were returned *to GAB* requesting continuation of registration; and (2) the number of notices that were not returned *to GAB*.

**Assembly Amendment 1** removes the references to GAB in items (1) and (2), above, to make these provisions consistent with how notices are returned under the bill.

### **Bill History**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Thiesfeldt. On February 4, 2014, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 689, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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