AN ACT to renumber and amend 185.12 (5) (b); and to create 185.12 (5) (b) 1., 2. and 3. of the statutes; relating to: methods of voting by members of a cooperative.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 185.12 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 185.12 (5) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:

185.12 (5) (b) (intro.) The bylaws may provide for voting on the election or removal of directors by signed ballots or by electronic means. Signed ballots may not be used for this purpose unless the bylaws authorize and prescribe the procedure for their use. Voting by electronic means may not be used unless all of the following apply:

SECTION 2. 185.12 (5) (b) 1., 2. and 3. of the statutes are created to read:

1. The bylaws provide for electronic voting on the election or removal of directors.
2. The cooperative is able to authenticate that it is a member who is casting a vote.
3. The cooperative gives a vote cast by electronic means the same effect as a vote cast by signed ballot or by a member present at a meeting.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”