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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 295**

February 2, 2016 – Offered by Senator LEMAHIEU.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 6.26, 6.40, 6.55 (2) (a) 2. and 7.515; *to renumber* 5.05 (14); *to*
2 *renumber and amend* 6.28 (1), 6.33 (5) (a) and 6.36 (1) (a); *to amend* 5.056,
3 5.85 (2) (b) 1., 5.85 (2) (b) 2., 5.90 (1), 5.91 (intro.), 6.10 (3), 6.22 (5), 6.24 (3), 6.25
4 (1) (a), 6.25 (1) (b), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.30 (1), 6.30 (4), 6.32 (1) and (2), 6.325, 6.33
5 (1), 6.33 (2) (a), 6.33 (2) (b), 6.34 (2), 6.34 (3) (a) 7. b., 6.35 (1) (intro.), 6.36 (1)
6 (b) 1. a., 6.36 (2) (c), 6.36 (6), 6.50 (3), 6.50 (10), 6.55 (2) (b), 6.55 (2) (c) 1., 6.55
7 (2) (cs), 6.55 (2) (d), 6.55 (6), 6.79 (1m), 6.79 (2) (d), 6.86 (3) (b), 6.87 (4) (b) 1.,
8 6.87 (6), 7.03 (1) (d), 7.08 (1) (c), 7.30 (2) (a), 7.31 (1), 7.315 (1) (a), 7.315 (1) (b)
9 1., 7.315 (1) (b) 2., 7.315 (3), 7.37 (13), 7.51 (5) (b), 7.53 (1) (a), 7.53 (3) (a), 7.60
10 (1), 9.01 (1) (a) 1., 11.1104 (6), 17.29, 85.61 (1) and 343.027; *to repeal and*
11 *recreate* 5.05 (14) (b), 5.05 (14) (c), 5.05 (18), 5.056, 5.91 (intro.), 6.24 (3), 6.30
12 (4), 6.30 (5), 6.33 (1), 6.33 (5) (a), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2), 6.36 (1) (a) (intro.),
13 6.36 (1) (a) 4., 6.36 (1) (a) 9., 6.36 (1) (am), 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a., 6.36 (6), 6.55 (2) (cs),

1 6.79 (1m), 7.08 (1) (c), 7.31 (1), 7.315 (1) (a), 7.315 (3), 9.01 (1) (a) 1., 85.61 (1)
2 and 343.027; and **to create** 5.02 (4g), 5.02 (6m) (g), 5.05 (14) (b), 5.05 (14) (c),
3 5.05 (18), 6.30 (5), 6.33 (5) (a) 2., 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (3) (a) 12., 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2), 6.36
4 (1) (a) 13. to 16., 6.36 (1) (ae), 6.87 (6d), 7.315 (4), 7.51 (4) (c), 19.42 (10) (ab) and
5 19.42 (13) (p) of the statutes; **relating to:** electronic voter registration and
6 election administration and granting rule-making authority.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This substitute amendment makes the following changes to the election laws:

ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION

This substitute amendment permits a qualified elector to register to vote electronically, eliminates the position and responsibilities of special registration deputies, and requires the Government Accountability Board (GAB) to enter into agreements with other state election administrators to share information related to the registration and voting of qualified electors.

Currently, a qualified elector may register to vote at any election by mail, in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality or county where the elector resides, or by completing a registration form with a special registration deputy no later than the 20th day before the election. A qualified elector may also register to vote at an election in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality where the elector resides no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. In order to register, an elector must provide his or her name and address and certain other information required to ascertain his or her eligibility and must sign the registration form. With certain exceptions, an elector who registers after the 20th day before an election or an elector who registers by mail and who has not voted before in an election in this state must provide proof of residence prior to voting. Currently, the clerk or board of election commissioners must verify each registration received by mail or submitted by a special registration deputy by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

This substitute amendment permits a qualified elector who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by GAB. The substitute amendment requires an electronic registration to be completed no later than the 20th day before an election in order to be valid for that election. Under the substitute amendment, a qualified elector enters the same information that appears on the current registration form and authorizes DOT to forward a copy of his or her electronic signature to GAB. The authorization

affirms that all information provided by the elector is correct and has the same effect as if the elector signed the form personally. The substitute amendment also permits an elector who is currently registered to vote and who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card to electronically enter a change of name or address using a similar procedure.

In accordance with the existing procedure for verifying registrations that are received at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the substitute amendment provides that when an electronic registration is received, GAB or the clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of residence must verify each electronic registration by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address. If an elector who registers electronically provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB is able to verify the information electronically at the time of registration by electronically accessing DOT's records, the elector need not provide proof of residence prior to voting. The substitute amendment directs GAB and DOT to enter into an agreement that permits GAB to verify the necessary information instantly by accessing DOT's electronic files.

Currently, each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners must maintain a file of voter registration forms for the electors of the municipality. This substitute amendment provides that the clerk or board must maintain registrations that are entered electronically in the manner prescribed by GAB, by rule.

The changes to elector registration first apply with respect to registration for voting at the first spring or partisan primary election that follows by at least six months the day on which the substitute amendment becomes law.

This substitute amendment requires the chief election officer to enter into an agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center for the purpose of maintaining this state's statewide voter registration list.

ELECTION REGISTRATION OFFICIALS

Current law permits municipal clerks to appoint qualified electors to serve as special registration deputies in a municipality for the purpose of registering electors of that municipality prior to the close of registration. The municipal clerk may authorize a special registration deputy to register electors at a polling place if the registration process would be facilitated by that authorization. Individuals must generally complete training provided by GAB prior to serving as a special registration deputy. This substitute amendment eliminates the authority to appoint and use special registration deputies.

The substitute amendment allows the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to appoint election registration officials to register voters. The substitute amendment also requires election registration officials to receive the same training as inspectors.

TESTING

Under current law, GAB must, by rule, prescribe requirements for certifying individuals to serve as chief inspectors for an election. GAB must include training as part of those requirements, but the board may not require an individual who

receives the training to take an examination. The substitute amendment allows the board to require such an examination.

ELECTRONIC POLL LISTS

The substitute amendment also allows GAB to facilitate the creation and maintenance of electronic poll lists.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS

The substitute amendment allows GAB to certify any voting device, automatic tabulating equipment, or related equipment and materials for use in an electronic voting system, regardless of whether any such items are approved by the federal Election Assistance Commission.

Under current law, for the purpose of counting the votes cast using an electronic voting system, when an elector votes for more candidates for an office than are allowed to hold that office, an election official must create a duplicate ballot to record all the other votes that the elector cast and to eliminate the overvote. The official then marks the original and the duplicate and secures them both in the ballot container with the other ballots.

Under the substitute amendment, an election official may, instead, use the override function of the electronic voting system in order to record all votes of the elector on the original ballot other than the votes for the overvoted office. The official then marks the original ballot as an overvoted ballot and secures that ballot with the other ballots in the ballot container.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY; RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY

Under current law, an individual who wants to register to vote must present proof of residency. An individual may present any of number of different documents to prove where the individual lives, including a valid and current driver's license or identification card, a property tax bill, an utility bill, a bank statement, or a check or other document issued by a governmental unit. Under current law, the proof of residency must specify the individual's name and his or her complete and current residential address, including the numbered street address and the municipality.

Under the substitute amendment, for purposes of registering to vote with election registration officials, an occupant of a residential care facility may use a contract or intake document prepared by the residential care facility that specifies that the occupant currently resides in the facility. The substitute amendment does not apply to occupants of a retirement home.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION; VETERANS AFFAIRS CARD

The substitute amendment permits an individual to use a veterans identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as proof of identification if the card contains the individual's name and photograph.

RECEIVING ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY MAIL

The substitute amendment changes the date by which an elector must return and a municipal clerk must receive an absentee ballot by mail. Under current law, an elector may vote by absentee ballot either in person or by returning a completed ballot by U.S. mail. Current law requires a municipal clerk to accept and count the

votes on absentee ballots received by mail as long as the ballot is postmarked no later than election day and received in the office of the municipal clerk by 4 p.m. on the Friday following election day.

The substitute amendment retains the right of an elector to vote by absentee ballot by mail, but requires the elector to return the ballot so that it is received no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Under current law, the polls close at 8 p.m. on election day.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS; WITNESS CERTIFICATE

Under current law, in order to vote using an absentee ballot, an individual must complete a certificate, which certifies that the individual is a qualified elector. The individual must sign the certificate in the presence of a witness who must also sign the certificate and provide his or her name and address. Under the substitute amendment, an absentee ballot may not be counted if the certificate is missing the address of a witness.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING

Current law requires the Government Accountability Board to compile and maintain an electronic voter registration list. The list provides the name, address, and date of birth of each registered elector in this state and the ward or aldermanic district associated with each registered elector. The list also contains other identification information for each elector and information transmitted to the board from the Department of Corrections.

This substitute amendment requires that the board provide the following information on the voter registration list:

1. The date on which an elector applied to vote by in-person absentee ballot.
2. The date on which the clerk mailed an absentee ballot to an elector and the date on which the elector returned the absentee ballot.
3. The polling location associated with each elector's address and ward or aldermanic district.
4. The mailing address for the municipal clerk associated with each polling location.

Under current law, a municipal clerk must update the electronic voter registration list maintained by the board promptly after receiving a valid registration or change to an existing registration or after changing an elector's registration status from eligible to ineligible. Under the substitute amendment, whenever the clerk mails or receives an absentee ballot the clerk must update the list no later than 48 hours after mailing or receiving the ballot or give the information regarding the ballot to the clerk's designee who must update the list no later than 24 hours after receiving the information from the clerk.

The substitute amendment also requires that the board establish a subscription service whereby a person may electronically access the absentee ballot information the clerks provide to the board. In addition, the substitute amendment requires a county clerk to post all election returns received by the clerk on election night on an Internet site maintained by the county within two hours of receiving the returns. The board must then link to the returns on an Internet site maintained by the board.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

This substitute amendment provides that all members of the Elections Commission and all members of the Ethics Commission are subject to the standards of conduct for state public officials. The substitute amendment also clarifies that a member or employee of the Ethics Commission must file a statement of economic interests. Current law specifically requires members and employees of the Elections Commission to file statements of economic interests, but does not specifically require members and employees of the Ethics Commission to do the same.

SEGREGATED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

This substitute amendment limits the amount that a political action committee may contribute to the segregated fund of a political party or legislative campaign committee to \$12,000 in any year. Current law limits the amount that a corporation, cooperative, labor organization, or tribe may contribute to a segregated fund to \$12,000 in any year. All other persons may contribute to the fund in unlimited amounts.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (4g) of the statutes is created to read:

3 5.02 (4g) “Election registration official” means an election official assigned
4 under s. 6.28 (1) (a) or 7.30 to register electors.

5 **SECTION 2.** 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

6 5.02 (6m) (g) A veterans identification card issued by the veterans health
7 administration of the federal department of veterans affairs.

8 **SECTION 3.** 5.05 (14) of the statutes is renumbered 5.05 (14) (a).

9 **SECTION 4.** 5.05 (14) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

10 5.05 (14) (b) The board shall establish a subscription service whereby a person
11 may electronically access the absentee ballot information provided under s. 6.33 (5)
12 (a), including semiweekly updates of such information.

13 **SECTION 5.** 5.05 (14) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
14 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

1 5.05 (14) (b) The commission shall establish a subscription service whereby a
2 person may electronically access the absentee ballot information provided under s.
3 6.33 (5) (a), including semiweekly updates of such information.

4 **SECTION 6.** 5.05 (14) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

5 5.05 (14) (c) On election night the board shall provide a link on its Internet site
6 to the posting of each county's election returns on each county's Internet site.

7 **SECTION 7.** 5.05 (14) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...
8 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

9 5.05 (14) (c) On election night the commission shall provide a link on its
10 Internet site to the posting of each county's election returns on each county's Internet
11 site.

12 **SECTION 8.** 5.05 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

13 5.05 (18) ELECTRONIC POLL LISTS. The board may facilitate the creation and
14 maintenance of electronic poll lists for purposes of s. 6.79 including entering into
15 contracts with vendors and establishing programs for development and testing.

16 **SECTION 9.** 5.05 (18) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act ... (this
17 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

18 5.05 (18) ELECTRONIC POLL LISTS. The commission may facilitate the creation
19 and maintenance of electronic poll lists for purposes of s. 6.79 including entering into
20 contracts with vendors and establishing programs for development and testing.

21 **SECTION 10.** 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The
23 administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement
24 with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally
25 identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board

1 under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally
2 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation.

3 **SECTION 11.** 5.056 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 118 and
4 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The
6 commission administrator shall enter into the agreement with the secretary of
7 transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally identifiable
8 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.
9 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable
10 information maintained by the department of transportation.

11 **SECTION 12.** 5.85 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 5.85 (2) (b) 1. In case of an overvote for any office, the election officials ~~shall~~ may
13 either use the override function of the electronic voting system in order to eliminate
14 the votes for the overvoted office, which shall be noted on the inspector's statement,
15 or make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on the ballot except for the office that is
16 overvoted in the manner described in this subdivision. ~~The~~ If the election officials
17 make a true duplicate ballot, they shall use an official ballot of that kind used by the
18 elector who voted the original ballot, and one of the marking devices, so as to transfer
19 all votes of the elector except for the office overvoted to an official ballot of that kind
20 used in the ward at that election. Unless election officials are selected under s. 7.30
21 (4) (c) without regard to party affiliation, whenever election officials of both of the 2
22 major political parties are present, the election officials acting under this subdivision
23 shall consist in each case of at least one election official of each of the parties.

24 **SECTION 13.** 5.85 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 5.85 (2) (b) 2. On any original ballot upon which there is an overvote and for
2 which a duplicate ballot is made under subd. 1., the election officials shall, in the
3 space on the ballot for official endorsement, identify the ballot as an “Overvoted
4 Ballot” and write a serial number. On ~~the~~ any duplicate ballot produced under subd.
5 1., the election officials shall, in the space on the ballot for official endorsement,
6 identify the ballot as a “Duplicate Overvoted Ballot” and write a serial number. The
7 election officials shall place the same serial number on each “Overvoted Ballot” and
8 its corresponding “Duplicate Overvoted Ballot,” commencing with number “1” and
9 continuing consecutively for each of the ballots for which a “Duplicate Overvoted
10 Ballot” is produced in that ward or election district. The election officials shall initial
11 the “Duplicate Overvoted Ballot” ballots and shall place them in the container for
12 return of the ballots. The “Overvoted Ballot” ballots and their envelopes shall be
13 placed in the “Original Ballots” envelope.

14 **SECTION 14.** 5.90 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 5.90 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, recounts of votes cast
16 on an electronic voting system shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in s. 9.01.
17 Except as provided in this subsection, sub. (2), and s. 9.01 (1) (b) 8s., if the ballots are
18 distributed to the electors, the board of canvassers shall recount the ballots with
19 automatic tabulating equipment. The board of canvassers shall test the automatic
20 tabulating equipment to be used prior to the recount as provided in s. 5.84, and then
21 the official ballots or the record of the votes cast shall be recounted on the automatic
22 tabulating equipment. In addition, the board of canvassers shall check the ballots
23 for the presence or absence of the initials and other distinguishing marks, shall
24 examine the ballots marked “Rejected”, “Defective”, “Overvoted”, and “Objected to”
25 to determine the propriety of such labels, and shall compare the “Duplicate

1 Overvoted Ballots” and “Duplicate Damaged Ballots” with their respective originals
2 to determine the correctness of the duplicates. Unless a court orders a recount to be
3 conducted by another method under sub. (2), the board of canvassers may determine
4 to conduct the recount of a specific election by hand and may determine to conduct
5 the recount by hand for only certain wards or election districts. If electronic voting
6 machines are used, the board of canvassers shall perform the recount using the
7 permanent paper record of the votes cast by each elector, as generated by the
8 machines.

9 **SECTION 15.** 5.91 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **5.91 Requisites for approval of ballots, devices and equipment.** (intro.)

11 No ballot, voting device, automatic tabulating equipment, or related equipment and
12 materials to be used in an electronic voting system may be utilized in this state
13 unless it is ~~approved~~ certified by the board. The board may revoke its ~~approval~~
14 certification of any ballot, device, equipment or materials at any time for cause. ~~No~~
15 ~~such ballot, voting device, automatic tabulating equipment or related equipment or~~
16 ~~material may be approved~~ The board may certify any such voting device, automatic
17 tabulating equipment, or related equipment or materials regardless of whether any
18 such item is approved by the federal election assistance commission, but the board
19 may not certify any ballot, device, equipment, or material to be used in an electronic
20 voting system unless it fulfills the following requirements:

21 **SECTION 16.** 5.91 (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...

22 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

23 **5.91 Requisites for approval of ballots, devices and equipment.** (intro.)

24 No ballot, voting device, automatic tabulating equipment, or related equipment and
25 materials to be used in an electronic voting system may be utilized in this state

1 unless it is certified by the commission. The commission may revoke its certification
2 of any ballot, device, equipment or materials at any time for cause. The commission
3 may certify any such voting device, automatic tabulating equipment, or related
4 equipment or materials regardless of whether any such item is approved by the
5 federal election assistance commission, but the commission may not certify any
6 ballot, device, equipment, or material to be used in an electronic voting system unless
7 it fulfills the following requirements:

8 **SECTION 17.** 6.10 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.10 (3) When an elector moves his or her residence from one ward or
10 municipality to another ward or municipality within the state at least 28 days before
11 the election, the elector may vote in and be considered a resident of the new ward or
12 municipality where residing upon transferring registration under s. 6.40 (1) or upon
13 registering at the proper polling place or other registration location in the new ward
14 or municipality under s. 6.55 (2) or 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If the elector moves his or her
15 residence later than 28 days before an election, the elector shall vote in the elector's
16 former ward or municipality if otherwise qualified to vote there.

17 **SECTION 18.** 6.22 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.22 (5) VOTING PROCEDURE. Except as provided in s. 7.515 and as authorized
19 in s. 6.25, the ballot shall be marked and returned, deposited and recorded in the
20 same manner as other absentee ballots. In addition, the certification under s. 6.87
21 (2) shall have a statement of the elector's birth date. Failure to return any unused
22 ballots in a primary election does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector casts
23 his or her votes.

24 **SECTION 19.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.24 (3) REGISTRATION. The overseas elector shall register in the municipality
2 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector’s parent was last
3 domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector’s
4 qualifications under this section. ~~The form board shall be~~ ensure that the form is
5 substantially similar to the original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable.
6 Registration shall be accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

7 **SECTION 20.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
8 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

9 6.24 (3) REGISTRATION. The overseas elector shall register in the municipality
10 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector’s parent was last
11 domiciled on a form prescribed by the commission designed to ascertain the elector’s
12 qualifications under this section. The commission shall ensure that the form is
13 substantially similar to the original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable.
14 Registration shall be accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

15 **SECTION 21.** 6.25 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.25 (1) (a) Any individual who qualifies as a military elector under s. 6.22 (1)
17 (b) and who transmits an application for an official absentee ballot for any election,
18 including a primary election, no later than the latest time specified for the elector in
19 s. 6.86 (1) (b) may, in lieu of the official ballot, cast a federal write-in absentee ballot
20 prescribed under 42 USC 1973ff-2 for any candidate for an office listed on the official
21 ballot or for all of the candidates of any recognized political party for the offices listed
22 on the official ballot at that election if the federal write-in absentee ballot is received
23 by the appropriate municipal clerk no later than the applicable time prescribed in
24 s. 6.87 (6) ~~or 7.515 (3)~~.

25 **SECTION 22.** 6.25 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.25 (1) (b) Any individual who qualifies as an overseas elector under s. 6.24
2 (1) and who transmits an application for an official absentee ballot for an election for
3 national office, including a primary election, no later than the latest time specified
4 for an elector in s. 6.86 (1) (b) may, in lieu of the official ballot, cast a federal write-in
5 absentee ballot prescribed under 42 USC 1973ff-2 for any candidate or for all
6 candidates of any recognized political party for national office listed on the official
7 ballot at that election, if the federal write-in absentee ballot is received by the
8 appropriate municipal clerk no later than the applicable time prescribed in s. 6.87
9 (6) ~~or 7.515 (3)~~.

10 **SECTION 23.** 6.26 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 39 and 118,
11 is repealed.

12 **SECTION 24.** 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.275 (1) (b) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that
14 county who were preregistered on the deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1) (a), including
15 valid mail registrations which are postmarked by that day and valid electronic
16 registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5).

17 **SECTION 25.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 6.28 (1) (a) and amended to
18 read:

19 6.28 (1) ~~REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE; LOCATIONS.~~ (a) Except as authorized
20 in ss. 6.29, 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any an election shall
21 ~~close~~ closes at 5 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations
22 made by mail under s. 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk
23 or postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic
24 registration under s. 6.30 (5) for an election closes at 11:59 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday
25 preceding the election. The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may

1 assign election registration officials to register electors who apply for an in-person
2 absentee ballot under s. 6.86 (1) (b) or to register electors at a polling place on election
3 day or at a residential care facility, as defined under s. 6.875 (1) (bm).

4 (b) All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made
5 throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the
6 office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations
7 provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over
8 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,
9 village or town board in all other municipalities. ~~Other registration locations may~~
10 ~~include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions~~
11 ~~of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,~~
12 ~~savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall~~
13 ~~be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the~~
14 ~~board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An~~
15 elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at
16 the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

17 **SECTION 26.** 6.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.30 (1) IN PERSON. An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as
19 provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

20 **SECTION 27.** 6.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.30 (4) BY MAIL. Any eligible elector may register by mail on a form prescribed
22 by the board and provided by each municipality. The form shall be designed to obtain
23 the information required in ss. 6.33 (1) ~~and to provide for changes authorized under~~
24 ~~s. 6.40 (1) (a).~~ The form shall contain a certification by the elector that all statements
25 are true and correct. The form shall be prepostpaid for return when mailed at any

1 point within the United States. The form shall be available in the municipal clerk's
2 office and may be distributed by any elector of the municipality. The clerk shall mail
3 a registration form to any elector upon written or oral request.

4 **SECTION 28.** 6.30 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
5 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

6 6.30 (4) BY MAIL. Any eligible elector may register by mail on a form prescribed
7 by the commission and provided by each municipality. The form shall be designed
8 to obtain the information required in ss. 6.33 (1). The form shall contain a
9 certification by the elector that all statements are true and correct. The form shall
10 be prepostpaid for return when mailed at any point within the United States. The
11 form shall be available in the municipal clerk's office and may be distributed by any
12 elector of the municipality. The clerk shall mail a registration form to any elector
13 upon written or oral request.

14 **SECTION 29.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

15 6.30 (5) BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION. An eligible elector who holds a current and
16 valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card
17 issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by the
18 board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that
19 enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically.
20 An elector who registers electronically under this subsection must authorize the
21 board to obtain from the department of transportation an electronic copy of the
22 elector's signature, which signature shall constitute an affirmation that all
23 information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the same effect as if the
24 elector had signed the application personally. The board shall include on the
25 registration form a place for the elector to give this authorization. Upon submittal

1 of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from the department of
2 transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the elector. The board shall
3 maintain the application on file and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of
4 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides of its receipt of
5 each completed application. The board shall also permit any elector who has a
6 current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current
7 and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes in his or her
8 registration at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original registration
9 under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any changes in the
10 same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered on an
11 application for original registration.

12 **SECTION 30.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act ... (this
13 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

14 **6.30 (5) BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION.** An eligible elector who holds a current and
15 valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card
16 issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by the
17 commission. The commission shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration
18 form that enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1)
19 electronically. An elector who registers electronically under this subsection must
20 authorize the commission to obtain from the department of transportation an
21 electronic copy of the elector's signature, which signature shall constitute an
22 affirmance that all information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the
23 same effect as if the elector had signed the application personally. The commission
24 shall include on the registration form a place for the elector to give this authorization.
25 Upon submittal of the electronic application, the commission shall obtain from the

1 department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the elector. The
2 commission shall maintain the application on file and shall notify the municipal
3 clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides
4 of its receipt of each completed application. The commission shall also permit any
5 elector who has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch.
6 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes
7 in his or her registration at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original
8 registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any
9 changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered
10 on an application for original registration.

11 **SECTION 31.** 6.32 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

12 6.32 (1) Upon receipt of a registration form that is submitted by mail under s.
13 6.30 (4) ~~or that is submitted by a special registration deputy appointed under s. 6.26~~
14 or by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5), the municipal clerk shall examine the
15 form for sufficiency.

16 (2) If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the clerk knows or
17 has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the clerk shall
18 notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that the elector
19 appear at the clerk's office or ~~other~~ another registration center location to complete
20 a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.

21 **SECTION 32.** 6.325 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **6.325 Disqualification of electors.** No person may be disqualified as an
23 elector unless the municipal clerk, board of election commissioners or a challenging
24 elector under s. 6.48 demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that the person does
25 not qualify as an elector or is not properly registered. If it appears that the

1 challenged elector is registered at a residence in this state other than the one where
2 the elector now resides, the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall,
3 before permitting the elector to vote, require the elector to ~~transfer his or her~~
4 ~~registration under s. 6.40 (1) (a)~~ properly register and shall notify the municipal clerk
5 or board of election commissioners at the former residence. The municipal clerk or
6 board of election commissioners may require naturalized applicants to show their
7 naturalization certificates.

8 **SECTION 33.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.33 (1) The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration
10 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed ~~on cards~~ and each item of information
11 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as otherwise
12 provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as
13 nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter
14 registration needs. The ~~forms board~~ shall ~~be designed~~ design the form to obtain from
15 each applicant elector information as to name; date; residence location; location of
16 previous residence immediately before moving to current residence location;
17 citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license
18 issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security
19 account number; whether the ~~applicant~~ elector has resided within the ward or
20 election district for ~~at least 28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1);
21 whether the ~~applicant~~ elector has been convicted of a felony for which he or she has
22 not been pardoned, and if so, whether the ~~applicant~~ elector is incarcerated, or on
23 parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the ~~applicant~~ elector is
24 disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the ~~applicant~~ elector is
25 currently registered to vote at any other location. The ~~form board~~ shall include on

1 the nonelectronic form a space for the applicant's elector's signature and on the
2 electronic form the authorization specified under s. 6.30 (5). Below the space for the
3 signature or authorization, respectively, the ~~form~~ board shall ~~state~~ include the
4 following statement: "Falsification of information on this form is punishable under
5 Wisconsin law as a Class I felony." The ~~form~~ board shall include on the form a space
6 to enter the name of any ~~special registration deputy~~ under ~~s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6)~~ or
7 inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and
8 a space for the ~~deputy~~, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name,
9 affirming that the ~~deputy~~, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form.
10 The ~~form~~ board shall include on the form a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic
11 district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to
12 determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The ~~form~~
13 board shall also include on the form a space where the clerk may record an indication
14 of whether the form is received by mail or by electronic application, a space where
15 the clerk shall record an indication of the type of identifying document submitted by
16 the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's
17 information in lieu of proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), the name of
18 the entity or institution that issued the identifying document, and, if the identifying
19 document includes a number that applies only to the individual holding that
20 document, that number. The ~~form~~ board shall also include on the form a space where
21 the clerk, for any applicant elector who possesses a valid voting identification card
22 issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number
23 appearing on the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient
24 registration forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the
25 office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

1 **SECTION 34.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
2 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

3 **6.33 (1)** The commission shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of
4 registration forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed and each item of
5 information shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the commission. Except
6 as otherwise provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same
7 information as nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient
8 forms to meet voter registration needs. The commission shall design the form to
9 obtain from each elector information as to name; date; residence location; location of
10 previous residence immediately before moving to current residence location;
11 citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license
12 issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security
13 account number; whether the elector has resided within the ward or election district
14 for the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the elector has
15 been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so,
16 whether the elector is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision;
17 whether the elector is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the
18 elector is currently registered to vote at any other location. The commission shall
19 include on the nonelectronic form a space for the elector's signature and on the
20 electronic form the authorization specified under s. 6.30 (5). Below the space for the
21 signature or authorization, respectively, the commission shall include the following
22 statement: "Falsification of information on this form is punishable under Wisconsin
23 law as a Class I felony." The commission shall include on the form a space to enter
24 the name of any inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who
25 obtains the form and a space for the inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her

1 name, affirming that the inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form. The
2 commission shall include on the form a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic
3 district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to
4 determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The
5 commission shall also include on the form a space where the clerk may record an
6 indication of whether the form is received by mail or by electronic application, a space
7 where the clerk shall record an indication of the type of identifying document
8 submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the
9 elector's information in lieu of proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), the
10 name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying document, and, if the
11 identifying document includes a number that applies only to the individual holding
12 that document, that number. The commission shall also include on the form a space
13 where the clerk, for any elector who possesses a valid voting identification card
14 issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number
15 appearing on the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient
16 registration forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the
17 office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

18 **SECTION 35.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the clerk
20 shall record the ward and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information
21 under sub. (1), the indication of whether the registration is received by mail, and the
22 type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s.
23 6.34, ~~and any information relating to an applicant's voting identification card shall~~
24 ~~be recorded by the clerk. Each applicant. Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5), each~~
25 elector shall sign his or her own name unless the ~~applicant~~ elector is unable to sign

1 his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the ~~applicant~~ elector may
2 authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the ~~applicant~~ elector
3 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the
4 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is
5 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

6 **SECTION 36.** 6.33 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.33 (2) (b) Except as provided in s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the registration form shall
8 be signed by the registering elector before the clerk, issuing officer or ~~registration~~
9 deputy election registration official. The form shall contain a certification by the
10 registering elector that all statements are true and correct.

11 **SECTION 37.** 6.33 (5) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 6.33 (5) (a) 1. and
12 amended to read:

13 6.33 (5) (a) 1. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a
14 municipal clerk receives a valid registration or valid change of a name or address
15 under an existing registration and ~~whenever a municipal clerk~~ or changes a
16 registration from eligible to ineligible status, the municipal clerk or the clerk's
17 designee shall promptly enter electronically on the list maintained by the board
18 under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection.

19 3. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, the municipal clerk ~~may~~
20 or the clerk's designee shall update any entries that change on the date of an election
21 other than a general election within 30 days after the date of that election, and ~~may~~
22 shall update any entries that change on the date of a general election within 45 days
23 after the date of that election. The legal counsel of the board may, upon request of
24 a municipal clerk, permit the clerk to update entries that change on the date of a
25 general election within 60 days after that election.

1 4. The municipal clerk shall provide to the board information that is
2 confidential under s. 6.47 (2) in such manner as the board prescribes.

3 **SECTION 38.** 6.33 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 118
4 and ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 6.33 (5) (a) 1. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a
6 municipal clerk receives a valid registration or valid change of a name or address
7 under an existing registration or changes a registration from eligible to ineligible
8 status the municipal clerk or the clerk's designee shall promptly enter electronically
9 on the list maintained by the commission under s. 6.36 (1) the information required
10 under that subsection.

11 2. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a municipal
12 clerk mails an absentee ballot to an elector or receives an in-person absentee ballot
13 application or an absentee ballot the municipal clerk shall, no later than 48 hours
14 after mailing an absentee ballot or receiving an in-person absentee ballot
15 application or an absentee ballot, enter electronically on the list maintained by the
16 commission under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection or
17 submit the information to the clerk's designee who shall, no later than 24 hours after
18 receiving the information from the clerk, enter electronically on the list maintained
19 by the commission under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection.

20 3. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, the municipal clerk or the
21 clerk's designee shall update any entries that change on the date of an election other
22 than a general election within 30 days after the date of that election, and shall update
23 any entries that change on the date of a general election within 45 days after the date
24 of that election. The commission administrator may, upon request of a municipal

1 clerk permit the clerk to update entries that change on the date of a general election
2 within 60 days after that election.

3 4. The municipal clerk shall provide to the commission information that is
4 confidential under s. 6.47 (2) in such manner as the commission prescribes.

5 **SECTION 39.** 6.33 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

6 6.33 (5) (a) 2. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a
7 municipal clerk mails an absentee ballot to an elector or receives an in-person
8 absentee ballot application or an absentee ballot the municipal clerk shall, no later
9 than 48 hours after mailing an absentee ballot or receiving an in-person absentee
10 ballot application or an absentee ballot, enter electronically on the list maintained
11 by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection or
12 submit the information to the clerk's designee who shall, no later than 24 hours after
13 receiving the information from the clerk, enter electronically on the list maintained
14 by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection.

15 **SECTION 40.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.34 (2) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon completion of a registration
17 form prescribed under s. 6.33, each eligible elector who is required to register under
18 s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector, shall provide an
19 identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). If the elector
20 registered by mail or by electronic application, the identifying document may not be
21 a residential lease.

22 **SECTION 41.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

23 6.34 (2m) An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)
24 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of
25 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license

1 issued under ch. 343, or the number of a current and valid identification card issued
2 under s. 343.50, together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board is
3 able to verify the information specified under sub. (3) (b) using the system
4 maintained under sub. (4).

5 **SECTION 42.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
6 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

7 6.34 (2m) An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)
8 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of
9 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license
10 issued under ch. 343, or the number of a current and valid identification card issued
11 under s. 343.50, together with the elector's name and date of birth and the
12 commission is able to verify the information specified under sub. (3) (b) using the
13 system maintained under sub. (4).

14 **SECTION 43.** 6.34 (3) (a) 7. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.34 (3) (a) 7. b. An identification card issued by a university, college or
16 technical college that contains a photograph of the cardholder if the university,
17 college, or technical college that issued the card provides a certified and current list
18 of students who reside in housing sponsored by the university, college, or technical
19 college and who are U.S. citizens to the municipal clerk prior to the election showing
20 the current address of the students and if the municipal clerk, ~~special registration~~
21 ~~deputy election registration official~~, or inspector verifies that the student presenting
22 the card is included on the list.

23 **SECTION 44.** 6.34 (3) (a) 12. of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.34 (3) (a) 12. For an occupant of a residential care facility, as defined in s.
25 6.875 (1) (bm), for the purpose of registering at the facility, a contract or intake

1 document prepared by the residential care facility that specifies that the occupant
2 currently resides in the facility. The contract or intake document may also identify
3 the room or unit in which the occupant resides.

4 **SECTION 45.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

5 6.34 (4) The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an
6 instant basis, information specified under sub. (3) (b) from the information
7 submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m), using the information
8 maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to the board's agreement
9 with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1). If a prospective elector enters
10 information specified under sub. (3) (b) 2. into the system that does not match such
11 information maintained by the department of transportation, the system shall
12 redirect the elector to the department of transportation's Internet site so that the
13 elector may update his or her information with the department of transportation.

14 **SECTION 46.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
15 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

16 6.34 (4) The commission shall maintain a system that electronically verifies,
17 on an instant basis, information specified under sub. (3) (b) from the information
18 submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m), using the information
19 maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to the commission's
20 agreement with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1). If a prospective
21 elector enters information specified under sub. (3) (b) 2. into the system that does not
22 match such information maintained by the department of transportation, the system
23 shall redirect the elector to the department of transportation's Internet site so that
24 the elector may update his or her information with the department of transportation.

25 **SECTION 47.** 6.35 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 6.35 (1) (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election
2 commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following
3 ways, except as provided in ~~sub. subs.~~ (1m) and (2):

4 **SECTION 48.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

5 6.35 (2) The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which
6 municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of
7 registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

8 **SECTION 49.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
9 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

10 6.35 (2) The commission shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods
11 by which municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain
12 records of registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

13 **SECTION 50.** 6.36 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin
14 Act (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

15 6.36 (1) (a) (intro.) The commission shall compile and maintain electronically
16 an official registration list. The list shall contain all of the following:

17 **SECTION 51.** 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 6.36 (1) (a) (intro.) and
18 amended to read:

19 6.36 (1) (a) (intro.) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an
20 official registration list. The list shall contain all of the following:

- 21 1. The name and address of each registered elector in the state, the,
22 2. The elector's date of birth of the elector, the,
23 3. The ward and aldermanic district of the elector, if any, and, for,
24 4. For each elector, a unique registration identification number assigned by the
25 board, the,

1 5. The number of a valid operator’s license issued to the elector under ch. 343,
2 if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector’s social security account number, if any, ~~any.~~

3 6. ~~Any~~ identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47 (3), ~~the.~~

4 7. ~~The~~ date of any election in which the elector votes, ~~an.~~

5 8. ~~An~~ indication of whether the elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s.
6 6.24 (1), ~~any.~~

7 9. ~~Any~~ information relating to the elector that appears on the current list
8 transmitted to the board by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m), ~~an.~~

9 10. ~~An~~ indication of any accommodation required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit
10 voting by the elector, ~~an.~~

11 11. ~~An~~ indication of the method by which the elector’s registration form was
12 received, ~~and an.~~

13 12. ~~An~~ indication of whether the elector was required under s. 6.34 to provide
14 proof of residence and, if so, the type of identifying document submitted as proof of
15 residence, the name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying document,
16 and, if the identifying document included a number that applies only to the
17 individual holding that document, up to the last 4 digits of that number. If the
18 number on the identifying document submitted by the elector had 6 or fewer digits,
19 the list under this paragraph may not contain more than the last 2 digits of that
20 number.

21 ~~(am)~~ The list under ~~this paragraph~~ par. (a) may contain such other information
22 as may be determined by the board to facilitate administration of elector registration
23 requirements.

24 **SECTION 52.** 6.36 (1) (a) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
25 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

1 6.36 (1) (a) 4. For each elector, a unique registration identification number
2 assigned by the commission.

3 **SECTION 53.** 6.36 (1) (a) 9. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
4 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 6.36 (1) (a) 9. Any information relating to the elector that appears on the
6 current list transmitted to the commission by the department of corrections under
7 s. 301.03 (20m).

8 **SECTION 54.** 6.36 (1) (a) 13. to 16. of the statutes are created to read:

9 6.36 (1) (a) 13. A separate column indicating the date on which an elector
10 applied to vote by in-person absentee ballot.

11 14. Separate columns indicating the date on which the clerk mailed an
12 absentee ballot to an elector and the date on which the elector returned the absentee
13 ballot.

14 15. A separate column indicating the polling location associated with each
15 elector's address and ward or aldermanic district, if any.

16 16. A separate column indicating the mailing address for the municipal clerk
17 associated with each polling location identified under subd. 15.

18 **SECTION 55.** 6.36 (1) (ae) of the statutes is created to read:

19 6.36 (1) (ae) 1. The chief election officer shall enter into a membership
20 agreement with Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for the purpose of
21 maintaining the official registration list under this section. Prior to entering into an
22 agreement under this subdivision, the chief election officer shall ensure that the
23 agreement satisfies all of the following conditions:

1 a. It safeguards the confidentiality of information or data in the registration
2 list that may be subject to transfer under the agreement and to which access is
3 restricted under par. (b) 1. a.

4 b. It prohibits the sale or distribution of the information or data in the
5 registration list to a 3rd-party vendor and it prohibits any other action not
6 associated with administration of or compliance with the agreement.

7 c. It does not affect the exemption for this state under the national voter
8 registration act.

9 d. It allows the state to make contact with electors by electronic mail, whenever
10 possible.

11 2. If the chief election officer enters into an agreement under subd. 1., the chief
12 election officer shall comply with the terms of the agreement, including the
13 transmission of information and data related to the registration of electors in this
14 state to the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for processing and
15 sharing with other member states and governmental units.

16 **SECTION 56.** 6.36 (1) (am) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...
17 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

18 6.36 (1) (am) The list under par. (a) may contain such other information as may
19 be determined by the commission to facilitate administration of elector registration
20 requirements.

21 **SECTION 57.** 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. Except as provided in pars. ~~(ae)~~, (bm), and (bn), no person other
23 than an employee of the board, a county clerk, a deputy county clerk, an executive
24 director of a county board of election commissioners, a deputy designated by the
25 executive director, a municipal clerk, a deputy municipal clerk, an executive director

1 of a city board of election commissioners, or a deputy designated by the executive
2 director may view the date of birth, operator’s license number, or social security
3 account number of an elector, the address of an elector to whom an identification
4 serial number is issued under s. 6.47 (3), or any indication of an accommodation
5 required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by an elector.

6 **SECTION 58.** 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts
7 118 and (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

8 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. Except as provided in pars. (ae), (bm), and (bn), no person other
9 than an employee of the commission, a county clerk, a deputy county clerk, an
10 executive director of a county board of election commissioners, a deputy designated
11 by the executive director, a municipal clerk, a deputy municipal clerk, an executive
12 director of a city board of election commissioners, or a deputy designated by the
13 executive director may view the date of birth, operator’s license number, or social
14 security account number of an elector, the address of an elector to whom an
15 identification serial number is issued under s. 6.47 (3), or any indication of an
16 accommodation required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by an elector.

17 **SECTION 59.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.36 (2) (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication
19 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted
20 to vote. If proof of residence is provided, the type of identifying document submitted
21 by the elector and the name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying
22 document, or an indication that the information provided by the elector in lieu of
23 proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), shall be entered on the list in the
24 space provided. ~~Proof~~ Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is
25 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector

1 registers by mail or by electronic application and has not previously voted in an
2 election in this state.

3 **SECTION 60.** 6.36 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.36 (6) The board shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of the
5 official registration list, or a portion of the list, including access to the subscription
6 service established under s. 5.05 (14) (b). The amount of the fee shall be set, after
7 consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount estimated to
8 cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list at the state
9 and local level. The rules shall require that revenues from fees received be shared
10 between the state and municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5) (b), and shall
11 specify a method for such allocation.

12 **SECTION 61.** 6.36 (6) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
13 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

14 6.36 (6) The commission shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of
15 the official registration list, or a portion of the list, including access to the
16 subscription service established under s. 5.05 (14) (b). The amount of the fee shall
17 be set, after consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount
18 estimated to cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list
19 at the state and local level. The rules shall require that revenues from fees received
20 be shared between the state and municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5)
21 (b), and shall specify a method for such allocation.

22 **SECTION 62.** 6.40 of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 63.** 6.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has
25 changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal

1 clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice
2 by 1st class mail to the elector’s registration address stating the source of the
3 information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a
4 registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of
5 election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails
6 to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is
7 mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall change the elector’s
8 registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information
9 that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,
10 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall ~~transfer~~ change the
11 elector’s registration and mail the elector a notice of the ~~transfer under s. 6.40 (2)~~
12 change. This subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any
13 registration under s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925, 6.93, or 7.52 (5).

14 **SECTION 64.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to
16 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29
17 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator’s license issued to
18 the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s.
19 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

20 **SECTION 65.** 6.55 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 66.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the elector
23 shall provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. The signing by the elector executing
24 the registration form shall be in the presence of the ~~special~~ election registration
25 ~~deputy~~ official or inspector. Upon receipt of the registration form, the ~~deputy~~ official

1 or inspector shall enter both the type of identifying document submitted by the
2 elector as proof of residence and the name of the entity or institution that issued the
3 identifying document, and, if the identifying document includes a number that
4 applies only to the individual holding that document, that number in the space
5 provided on the form. The ~~deputy~~ official or inspector shall then print his or her name
6 on and sign the form, indicating that the ~~deputy~~ official or inspector has accepted the
7 form. Upon compliance with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his
8 or her vote, if the elector complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling
9 place.

10 **SECTION 67.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.
12 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
13 municipality, may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who
14 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another
15 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the
16 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),
17 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the
18 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the
19 polling place. An eligible elector who desires to register shall execute a registration
20 form as prescribed under par. (a) and provide proof of residence as provided under
21 s. 6.34. The signing by the person executing the registration form shall be in the
22 presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputy~~
23 official. Upon receipt of the registration form, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or
24 ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputy~~ official shall enter the type of identifying
25 document submitted by the elector as proof of residence, the name of the entity or

1 institution that issued the identifying document, and, if the identifying document
2 includes a number that applies only to the individual holding that document, the last
3 4 digits of that number in the space provided on the form. If the number on the
4 identifying document submitted by the elector has 6 or fewer digits, the clerk shall
5 enter only the last 2 digits of that number. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk,
6 or the ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputy~~ official shall then print his or her name
7 and sign the form, indicating that the clerk, deputy clerk, or ~~deputy~~ official has
8 accepted the form. Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk,
9 deputy clerk, or ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputy~~ official shall serially number the
10 registration and give one copy to the person for presentation at the polling place
11 serving the person's residence or an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5)
12 (b).

13 **SECTION 68.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for
15 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name
16 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20m)
17 as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area
18 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that
19 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection
20 or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputies~~ officials
21 shall review the list. If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears
22 on the list, the inspectors or ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputies~~ officials shall
23 inform the elector or the elector's agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote.
24 If the elector or the elector's agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the
25 election, the inspectors or ~~special~~ election registration ~~deputies~~ officials shall permit

1 the elector to register but shall mark the elector’s registration form as “ineligible to
2 vote per Department of Corrections.” If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors
3 shall require the elector to vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided
4 in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

5 **SECTION 69.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...
6 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

7 6.55 (2) (cs) The commission shall provide to each municipal clerk a list
8 prepared for use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person
9 whose name appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s.
10 301.03 (20m) as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located
11 in the area served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll
12 list for that polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this
13 subsection or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or election registration officials shall
14 review the list. If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on
15 the list, the inspectors or election registration officials shall inform the elector or the
16 elector’s agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the
17 elector’s agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the
18 inspectors or election registration officials shall permit the elector to register but
19 shall mark the elector’s registration form as “ineligible to vote per Department of
20 Corrections.” If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to
21 vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

22 **SECTION 70.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.55 (2) (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides
24 at the same address, and has not notified previously provided notice of the change
25 to the municipal clerk under s. 6.40 (1) (e), shall notify the inspector of the change

1 before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when
2 materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and
3 address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location
4 under pars. (a) and (b).

5 **SECTION 71.** 6.55 (6) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 39, is
6 amended to read:

7 6.55 (6) Any of the registration duties of inspectors under sub. (2) may be
8 carried out in the municipality by the municipal clerk ~~or by special registration~~
9 ~~deputies appointed by the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners at any~~
10 ~~polling place or other registration location whenever the clerk or board of election~~
11 ~~commissioners determines that the registration process provided for in that~~
12 ~~subsection will be facilitated thereby.~~ The municipal clerk, however, may not carry
13 out the registration duties of the inspectors under sub. (2) if the municipal clerk is
14 a candidate on the ballot for that election day. ~~The deputies shall be specially~~
15 ~~appointed by the clerk or board of election commissioners for one election only to~~
16 ~~conduct elector registration only.~~

17 **SECTION 72.** 6.79 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS. ~~Two election officials at each election ward shall~~
19 ~~be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists containing information~~
20 ~~relating to all persons voting.~~ The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the
21 information on the lists poll list manually or electronically. If the lists ~~are~~
22 ~~maintained~~ clerk elects to maintain the list electronically, the board shall prescribe
23 a supplemental list that contains the full name, address, and space for the entry of
24 the signature of each elector, or if the elector is exempt from the signature
25 requirement under s. 6.36 (2) (a), the word “exempt”. If the lists are maintained

1 ~~electronically, the officials shall enter the information into an electronic data~~
2 ~~recording system that enables retrieval of printed copies of the lists at the polling~~
3 ~~place an election official at each election ward shall be in charge of and shall maintain~~
4 ~~the poll list. The system employed to maintain the list electronically is subject to the~~
5 ~~approval of the board. If the clerk elects to maintain the information manually, 2~~
6 ~~election officials at each election ward shall be in charge of and shall maintain 2~~
7 ~~separate poll lists.~~

8 **SECTION 73.** 6.79 (1m) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
9 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

10 **6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS.** The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the
11 information on the poll list manually or electronically. If the clerk elects to maintain
12 the list electronically, an election official at each election ward shall be in charge of
13 and shall maintain the poll list. The system employed to maintain the list
14 electronically is subject to the approval of the commission. If the clerk elects to
15 maintain the information manually, 2 election officials at each election ward shall
16 be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists.

17 **SECTION 74.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 **6.79 (2) (d)** If the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is
19 required and the proof of identification document provided by the elector under par.
20 (a) does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, the officials shall require the
21 elector to provide proof of residence. If proof of residence is provided, the officials
22 shall enter both the type of identifying document submitted as proof of residence and
23 the name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying document in the
24 space provided on the poll list and shall verify that the name and address on the
25 identifying document is the same as the name and address shown on the registration

1 list. If proof of residence is required and not provided, or if the elector does not
2 present proof of identification under par. (a), whenever required, the officials shall
3 offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

4 **SECTION 75.** 6.86 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.86 (3) (b) When each properly executed form and statement required under
6 par. (a) is presented to the municipal clerk, if the elector who proposes to vote is
7 qualified, an absentee ballot shall be issued and the name of such hospitalized elector
8 shall be recorded by the clerk ~~or special registration deputy~~. An agent who is issued
9 an absentee ballot under this section shall present documentation of his or her
10 identity, provide his or her name and address, and attest to a statement that the
11 ballot is received solely for the benefit of a named elector who is hospitalized, and the
12 agent will promptly transmit the ballot to such person.

13 **SECTION 76.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting
15 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an
16 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the
17 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector
18 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and
19 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper
20 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the
21 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the
22 proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document
23 enclosed by the elector under this subdivision does not constitute proof of residence
24 under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the
25 envelope. ~~Proof~~ Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if

1 the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registered
2 by mail or by electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state. If
3 the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail
4 under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request
5 which bears an original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance
6 under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be
7 a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to
8 the municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a
9 location outside the United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the
10 ballot qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an
11 unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes
12 are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot
13 prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary
14 which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by
15 the elector for candidates in the primary.

16 **SECTION 77.** 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.87 (6) ~~Except as provided in s. 7.515 (3), the~~ The ballot shall be returned so
18 it is received by the municipal clerk delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m.
19 on election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed
20 under s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the
21 clerk shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place
22 serving the elector's residence before ~~the closing hour. Except as provided in s. 7.515~~
23 ~~(3), any~~ 8 p.m. Any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may
24 not be counted.

25 **SECTION 78.** 6.87 (6d) of the statutes is created to read:

1 6.87 (6d) If a certificate is missing the address of a witness, the ballot may not
2 be counted.

3 **SECTION 79.** 7.03 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.03 (1) (d) Except as otherwise provided in par. (a), ~~special registration~~
5 ~~deputies appointed under s. 6.55 (6)~~, special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875
6 (4) and other officials and trainees who attend training sessions under s. 7.15 (1) (e)
7 or 7.25 (5) may also be compensated by the municipality where they serve at the
8 option of the municipality.

9 **SECTION 80.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33
11 (1), ~~6.40 (1) (a)~~, 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms
12 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration
13 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the
14 board.

15 **SECTION 81.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
16 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

17 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33
18 (1), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms shall contain
19 a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting
20 through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the commission.

21 **SECTION 82.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may
23 conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in ss. 7.15
24 (1) (k) and 7.52 (1) (b), each election official shall be a qualified elector of a county in
25 which the municipality where the official serves is located, and each chief inspector

1 shall be a qualified elector of the municipality in which the chief inspector serves.
2 If no qualified candidate for chief inspector is available or if the chief inspector is
3 appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the person so appointed need not be a
4 qualified elector of the municipality. If a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as
5 a registration deputy or is appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or
6 deputy clerk need not be a resident of the county, but shall be a resident of the state.
7 No more than 2 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve
8 without regard to county residency in any municipality at any election. ~~Special~~
9 ~~registration deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve~~
10 ~~more than one polling place.~~ All officials appointed under this section shall be able
11 to read and write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding,
12 and may not be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they
13 serve. In 1st class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public.
14 Except as authorized under subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated
15 with one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of
16 votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward
17 or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. Excluding
18 the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the
19 largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the
20 next largest number of votes at each polling place. Whenever 2 or more inspectors
21 are required to perform a function within a polling place and both parties that are
22 entitled to submit nominees have done so, the chief inspector shall assign, insofar as
23 practicable, an equal number of inspectors from the nominees of each party.

24 **SECTION 83.** 7.31 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 7.31 (1) The board shall, ~~by rule, prescribe~~ establish requirements for
2 certification of individuals to serve as chief inspectors. The requirements shall
3 include a requirement to attend at least one training session held under sub. (5)
4 before beginning service. ~~The requirements shall not include taking an examination.~~

5 **SECTION 84.** 7.31 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ... (this
6 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

7 7.31 (1) The commission shall establish requirements for certification of
8 individuals to serve as chief inspectors. The requirements shall include a
9 requirement to attend at least one training session held under sub. (5) before
10 beginning service.

11 **SECTION 85.** 7.315 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 7.315 (1) (a) The board shall, by rule, prescribe the contents of the training that
13 municipal clerks must provide to inspectors, other than chief inspectors, and to
14 special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875, ~~and to special registration deputies~~
15 ~~appointed under ss. 6.26 and 6.55 (6).~~

16 **SECTION 86.** 7.315 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...
17 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

18 7.315 (1) (a) The commission shall, by rule, prescribe the contents of the
19 training that municipal clerks must provide to inspectors, other than chief
20 inspectors, and to special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875.

21 **SECTION 87.** 7.315 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes, is amended to read:

22 7.315 (1) (b) 1. Each inspector other than a chief inspector and each special
23 voting deputy appointed under s. 6.875 ~~and special registration deputy appointed~~
24 ~~under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6)~~ shall view or attend at least one training program every 2
25 years. Except as provided in subd. 2., no individual may serve as an inspector, other

1 than a chief inspector, or as a special voting deputy under s. 6.875, ~~or as a special~~
2 ~~registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6)~~ at any election unless the individual has
3 completed training for that election provided by the municipal clerk pursuant to
4 rules promulgated under par. (a) within 2 years of the date of the election.

5 **SECTION 88.** 7.315 (1) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 7.315 (1) (b) 2. Only when an individual who has received training under subd.
7 1. is unavailable to perform his or her election duties due to sickness, injury, or other
8 unforeseen occurrence may an individual who has not received training under subd.
9 1. be appointed to serve as an inspector, other than chief inspector, or a special voting
10 deputy ~~or special registration deputy~~. The appointment of an individual to serve
11 under this subdivision shall be for a specific election and no individual may be
12 appointed under this subdivision more than one time in a 2–year period.

13 **SECTION 89.** 7.315 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 7.315 (3) The board may produce and periodically reissue as necessary a video
15 program for the purpose of training election officials, including special voting
16 deputies and ~~special registration deputies~~ election registration officials. The board
17 shall make any such program available for viewing electronically through an
18 Internet–based system.

19 **SECTION 90.** 7.315 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
20 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

21 7.315 (3) The commission may produce and periodically reissue as necessary
22 a video program for the purpose of training election officials, including special voting
23 deputies and election registration officials. The commission shall make any such
24 program available for viewing electronically through an Internet–based system.

25 **SECTION 91.** 7.315 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

1 7.315 (4) Election registration officials shall receive the training as provided
2 under this section for inspectors, other than chief inspectors.

3 **SECTION 92.** 7.37 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.37 (13) CLOSING OF POLLS. For each polling place, the municipal clerk shall
5 designate an official of the municipality who shall position himself or herself at the
6 end of the line of individuals waiting to vote, if any, at the time that the polls officially
7 close. The official may be an appointed inspector ~~or special registration deputy~~
8 ~~appointed under s. 6.55 (6)~~ who serves at that polling place, an employee of the
9 municipal clerk or a police officer. Only individuals in line ahead of the official shall
10 be permitted to vote under s. 6.78 (4).

11 **SECTION 93.** 7.51 (4) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

12 7.51 (4) (c) On election night the municipalities shall report the returns, by
13 ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are
14 tabulated.

15 **SECTION 94.** 7.51 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 7.51 (5) (b) The municipal clerk shall deliver all ballots, statements, tally
17 sheets, lists, and envelopes relating to a school district election to the school district
18 clerk, ~~excluding any absentee ballots that are received after the closing hour on~~
19 ~~election night and~~ any provisional ballots, by 4 p.m. on the day following each such
20 election and shall deliver to the school district clerk any amended statements, tally
21 sheets, and lists for additional provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots canvassed under s.
22 6.97 (4) ~~or 7.515 (6) (b)~~ no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday after the election. The
23 municipal clerk shall deliver to the county clerk the ballots, statements, tally sheets,
24 lists, and envelopes for his or her municipality relating to any county, technical
25 college district, state, or national election no later than 4 p.m. on the day following

1 each such election or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under
2 s. 7.52, by 4 p.m. on the 2nd day following each such election, and shall deliver to the
3 county clerk any additional provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots canvassed under s. 6.97
4 (4) ~~or 7.515 (6) (b)~~ together with amended statements, tally sheets, lists, and
5 envelopes no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday after the election. The person
6 delivering the returns shall be paid out of the municipal treasury. Each clerk shall
7 retain ballots, statements, tally sheets, or envelopes received by the clerk until
8 destruction is authorized under s. 7.23 (1).

9 **SECTION 95.** 7.515 of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 96.** 7.53 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 37,
11 is amended to read:

12 7.53 (1) (a) Where the municipality constitutes one ward or combines all wards
13 to utilize a single polling place under s. 5.15 (6) (b), the canvass of the votes cast at
14 the polling place shall be conducted publicly under s. 7.51 and the inspectors, other
15 than any inspector appointed under s. 7.30 (1) (b), shall act as the municipal board
16 of canvassers. The inspectors shall then complete the return statement for all votes
17 cast at the polling place. If there are no provisional ballots that are eligible to be
18 counted under s. 6.97 ~~and the municipal clerk has not mailed or transmitted~~
19 ~~absentee ballots to any electors of the municipality that have not been returned by~~
20 ~~election night~~, and no absentee ballots are being canvassed under s. 7.52, the
21 inspectors may complete and sign the canvass statement and determination on
22 election night. In municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52,
23 after the canvass of the absentee ballots is completed under s. 7.52, the board of
24 absentee ballot canvassers shall reconcile the poll list of the electors who vote by
25 absentee ballot with the corresponding poll list of the electors who vote in person to

1 ensure that no elector is allowed to cast more than one ballot. If an elector who votes
2 in person has submitted an absentee ballot, the absentee ballot is void. Except as
3 authorized in par. (b), if one or more electors of the municipality have cast provisional
4 ballots that are eligible to be counted under s. 6.97 ~~or if the municipal clerk receives~~
5 ~~one or more absentee ballots by 4 p.m. on the Friday after the election that are eligible~~
6 ~~to be counted under s. 7.515 (6) (b)~~, the inspectors, acting as the board of canvassers,
7 shall reconvene no later than 9 a.m. on the Monday after the election to count the
8 valid provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots and shall adjust the returns accordingly. The
9 inspectors, acting as the board of canvassers, need not reconvene if the municipal
10 clerk certifies that he or she has received no provisional ~~or absentee~~ ballots from the
11 time that the board of canvassers completed the initial canvass and 4 p.m. on the
12 Friday after the election. Upon completion of the canvass under this paragraph and
13 any canvass that is conducted under s. 7.52 and ascertainment of the results by the
14 inspectors or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52,
15 by the inspectors and the board of absentee ballot canvassers, the municipal clerk
16 shall publicly read to the inspectors or the board of absentee ballot canvassers the
17 names of the persons voted for and the number of votes for each person for each
18 municipal office, the names of the persons declared by the inspectors or board of
19 absentee ballot canvassers to have won nomination or election to each municipal
20 office, and the number of votes cast for and against each municipal referendum
21 question.

22 **SECTION 97.** 7.53 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.53 (3) (a) In a common, union high or unified school district, the school district
24 clerk shall appoint 2 qualified electors of the school district prior to the date of the
25 election being canvassed who shall, with the school district clerk, constitute the

1 school district board of canvassers. If the school district clerk is a candidate at the
2 election being canvassed, the other 2 members of the board of canvassers shall
3 designate a 3rd member to serve in lieu of the clerk for that election. The school
4 district clerk shall appoint a member to fill any other temporary vacancy on the board
5 of canvassers. The canvass shall begin no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the
6 election, and shall continue, without adjournment, until completed. The board of
7 canvassers may return defective returns to the municipal board of canvassers in the
8 manner provided in s. 7.60 (3). If the board of canvassers meets before 4 p.m. on the
9 Monday after the election and thereafter receives amended statements, tally sheets,
10 and lists from a municipal clerk for provisional ~~or absentee~~ ballots that are eligible
11 to be counted under s. 6.97 (4) ~~or 7.515 (6) (b)~~, the board of canvassers shall reconvene
12 no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election and shall adjust the returns
13 accordingly. No later than 4 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the board of
14 canvassers shall complete the canvass and shall prepare a written statement
15 showing the numbers of votes cast for each person for each office and for and against
16 each question and shall prepare a determination showing the names of the persons
17 who are elected to the school board and the results of any school district referendum.
18 Following each primary election, the board of canvassers shall prepare a statement
19 certifying the names of the persons who have won nomination to the school board.
20 Each statement and determination shall be attested by each of the canvassers. The
21 board of canvassers shall file each statement and determination in the school district
22 office. The school district clerk shall certify nominations after each primary and
23 issue certificates of election to persons who are elected to the school board after each
24 election in the manner provided in sub. (4).

25 **SECTION 98.** 7.60 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 7.60 (1) KEEP OFFICE OPEN. On election night the county clerk shall keep the
2 clerk's office open to receive reports from the ward inspectors and shall post all
3 returns. On election night the clerk shall post all returns, by ward or reporting unit,
4 on an Internet site maintained by the county no later than 2 hours after receiving
5 the returns.

6 **SECTION 99.** 9.01 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 9.01 (1) (a) 1. Any candidate voted for at any election or any elector who voted
8 upon any referendum question at any election may petition for a recount. The
9 petitioner shall file a verified petition or petitions with the proper clerk or body under
10 par. (ar) not earlier than the time of completion of the canvass following canvassing
11 of any valid provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots under ss. 6.97 (4) and ~~7.515 (6)~~ and,
12 except as provided in this subdivision, not later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd business day
13 following the last meeting day of the municipal or county board of canvassers
14 determining the election for that office or on that referendum question following
15 canvassing of all valid provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots or, if more than one board of
16 canvassers makes the determination, not later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd business day
17 following the last meeting day of the last board of canvassers which makes a
18 determination following canvassing of all valid provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots. If
19 the chairperson of the board or chairperson's designee makes the determination for
20 the office or the referendum question, the petitioner shall file the petition not earlier
21 than the last meeting day of the last county board of canvassers to make a statement
22 in the election or referendum following canvassing of all valid provisional ~~and~~
23 ~~absentee~~ ballots and not later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the day
24 on which the government accountability board receives the last statement from a

1 county board of canvassers for the election or referendum following canvassing of all
2 valid provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots.

3 **SECTION 100.** 9.01 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts
4 118 and (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 9.01 (1) (a) 1. Any candidate voted for at any election or any elector who voted
6 upon any referendum question at any election may petition for a recount. The
7 petitioner shall file a verified petition or petitions with the proper clerk or body under
8 par. (ar) not earlier than the time of completion of the canvass following canvassing
9 of any valid provisional ballots under ss. 6.97 (4) and, except as provided in this
10 subdivision, not later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting
11 day of the municipal or county board of canvassers determining the election for that
12 office or on that referendum question following canvassing of all valid provisional
13 ballots or, if more than one board of canvassers makes the determination, not later
14 than 5 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting day of the last board
15 of canvassers which makes a determination following canvassing of all valid
16 provisional ballots. If the commission chairperson or chairperson's designee makes
17 the determination for the office or the referendum question, the petitioner shall file
18 the petition not earlier than the last meeting day of the last county board of
19 canvassers to make a statement in the election or referendum following canvassing
20 of all valid provisional ballots and not later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd business day
21 following the day on which the commission receives the last statement from a county
22 board of canvassers for the election or referendum following canvassing of all valid
23 provisional ballots.

24 **SECTION 101.** 11.1104 (6) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117,
25 is amended to read:

1 11.1104 (6) Contributions paid to a segregated fund established and
2 administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes
3 other than making contributions to a candidate committee or making disbursements
4 for express advocacy, except that a political action committee may contribute no more
5 than \$12,000 in any calendar year to such a fund.

6 **SECTION 102.** 17.29 of the statutes is amended to read:

7 **17.29 Effect of chapter.** The provisions of this chapter supersede all contrary
8 provisions in either the general law or in special acts, except ss. 6.26 (2) (b), 6.55 (6),
9 6.875, and 7.30 relating to appointed election officials and ch. 321 relating to the
10 military staff of the governor and to officers of the Wisconsin national guard or state
11 defense force; and shall govern all offices whether created by general law or special
12 act, unless otherwise specially provided.

13 **SECTION 103.** 19.42 (10) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

14 19.42 (10) (ab) A member or employee of the ethics commission.

15 **SECTION 104.** 19.42 (13) (p) of the statutes is created to read:

16 19.42 (13) (p) All members of the elections commission and all members of the
17 ethics commission.

18 **SECTION 105.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections
20 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to
21 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained
22 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information
23 specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information in the operating
24 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to
25 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator

1 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy
2 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

3 **SECTION 106.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 118
4 and (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections
6 commission shall enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable
7 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.
8 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable
9 information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle
10 registration records under ch. 341 to the extent required to enable the secretary of
11 transportation and the administrator of the elections commission to verify the
12 accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

13 **SECTION 107.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
15 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except
16 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
17 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
18 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the
19 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a
20 court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney,
21 law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

22 **SECTION 108.** 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act (this
23 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

24 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
25 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except

1 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the
2 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting
3 debt, to the elections commission, in electronic or digital format, for the purposes
4 specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a court, district
5 attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney, law enforcement
6 agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

7 **SECTION 109. Nonstatutory provisions.**

8 (1) No later than the 20th day following the end of each calendar quarter, the
9 government accountability board, or the elections commission, and the department
10 of transportation shall each report to the appropriate standing committees of the
11 legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes concerning
12 its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration system. The board or
13 commission and the department shall continue to file reports under this subsection
14 until the board or commission determines that implementation is complete and the
15 performance of the system is satisfactory. The board or commission and the
16 department shall ensure that the implementation is complete and the performance
17 of the system is satisfactory before the spring primary in 2017. The board or
18 commission shall notify the legislative reference bureau of the date on which the
19 implementation is complete and the performance satisfactory.

20 **SECTION 110. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) The treatment of sections 6.22 (5), 6.25 (1) (a) and (b), 6.87 (6) and (6d), 7.51
22 (5) (b), 7.53 (1) (a) and (3) (a), and 9.01 (1) (a) 1. (by SECTION 99) of the statutes first
23 applies to elections held no earlier than 6 months after the effective date of this
24 subsection.

