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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT ,**

**TO SENATE BILL 295**

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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., 17.29, 85.61 (1) and 343.027; to repeal and recreate 5.05**  
11 **(14) (b), 5.05 (14) (c), 5.05 (18), 5.056, 5.91 (intro.), 6.24 (3), 6.30 (4), 6.30 (5), 6.33**  
12 **(1), 6.33 (5) (a), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2), 6.36 (1) (a) (intro.), 6.36 (1) (a) 4.,**

1           6.36 (1) (a) 9., 6.36 (1) (am), 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a., 6.36 (6), 6.55 (2) (cs), 6.79 (1m), 7.08  
2           (1) (c), 7.31 (1), 7.315 (1) (a), 7.315 (3), 9.01 (1) (a) 1., 85.61 (1) and 343.027; and  
3           **to create** 5.02 (4g), 5.02 (6m) (g), 5.05 (14) (b), 5.05 (14) (c), 5.05 (18), 6.30 (5),  
4           6.33 (5) (a) 2., 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (3) (a) 12., 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2), 6.36 (1) (a) 13. to 16.,  
5           6.36 (1) (ae), 6.87 (6d), 7.315 (4) and 7.51 (4) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
6           electronic voter registration and election administration and granting  
7           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

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returns. The board must then link to the returns on an Internet site maintained by the board.

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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:

15          5.05 (**14**) (b) The commission shall establish a subscription service whereby a  
16 person may electronically access the absentee ballot information provided under s.  
17 6.33 (5) (a), including semiweekly updates of such information.

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

19          5.05 (**14**) (c) On election night the board shall provide a link on its Internet site  
20 to the posting of each county’s election returns on each county’s Internet site.

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22 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

1           5.05 (14) (c) On election night the commission shall provide a link on its  
2 Internet site to the posting of each county's election returns on each county's Internet  
3 site.

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

5           5.05 (18) ELECTRONIC POLL LISTS. The board may facilitate the creation and  
6 maintenance of electronic poll lists for purposes of s. 6.79 including entering into  
7 contracts with vendors and establishing programs for development and testing.

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

10          5.05 (18) ELECTRONIC POLL LISTS. The commission may facilitate the creation  
11 and maintenance of electronic poll lists for purposes of s. 6.79 including entering into  
12 contracts with vendors and establishing programs for development and testing.

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

14          **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The  
15 administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement  
16 with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally  
17 identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board  
18 under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally  
19 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 5.85 (2) (b) 2. On any original ballot upon which there is an overvote and for  
18 which a duplicate ballot is made under subd. 1., the election officials shall, in the  
19 space on the ballot for official endorsement, identify the ballot as an “Overvoted  
20 Ballot” and write a serial number. ~~On the~~ any duplicate ballot produced under subd.  
21 1., the election officials shall, in the space on the ballot for official endorsement,  
22 identify the ballot as a “Duplicate Overvoted Ballot” and write a serial number. The  
23 election officials shall place the same serial number on each “Overvoted Ballot” and  
24 its corresponding “Duplicate Overvoted Ballot,” commencing with number “1” and  
25 continuing consecutively for each of the ballots for which a “Duplicate Overvoted



1 Ballot” is produced in that ward or election district. The election officials shall initial  
2 the “Duplicate Overvoted Ballot” ballots and shall place them in the container for  
3 return of the ballots. The “Overvoted Ballot” ballots and their envelopes shall be  
4 placed in the “Original Ballots” envelope.

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

6 5.90 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, recounts of votes cast  
7 on an electronic voting system shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in s. 9.01.  
8 Except as provided in this subsection, sub. (2), and s. 9.01 (1) (b) 8s., if the ballots are  
9 distributed to the electors, the board of canvassers shall recount the ballots with  
10 automatic tabulating equipment. The board of canvassers shall test the automatic  
11 tabulating equipment to be used prior to the recount as provided in s. 5.84, and then  
12 the official ballots or the record of the votes cast shall be recounted on the automatic  
13 tabulating equipment. In addition, the board of canvassers shall check the ballots  
14 for the presence or absence of the initials and other distinguishing marks, shall  
15 examine the ballots marked “Rejected”, “Defective”, “Overvoted”, and “Objected to”  
16 to determine the propriety of such labels, and shall compare the “Duplicate  
17 Overvoted Ballots” and “Duplicate Damaged Ballots” with their respective originals  
18 to determine the correctness of the duplicates. Unless a court orders a recount to be  
19 conducted by another method under sub. (2), the board of canvassers may determine  
20 to conduct the recount of a specific election by hand and may determine to conduct  
21 the recount by hand for only certain wards or election districts. If electronic voting  
22 machines are used, the board of canvassers shall perform the recount using the  
23 permanent paper record of the votes cast by each elector, as generated by the  
24 machines.

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

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

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

**SECTION 16.** 5.91 (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

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

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

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

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

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

10           6.22 (5) VOTING PROCEDURE. Except as provided in ~~s. 7.515~~ and as authorized  
11           in s. 6.25, the ballot shall be marked and returned, deposited and recorded in the  
12           same manner as other absentee ballots. In addition, the certification under s. 6.87  
13           (2) shall have a statement of the elector's birth date. Failure to return any unused  
14           ballots in a primary election does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector casts  
15           his or her votes.

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

17           6.24 (3) REGISTRATION. The overseas elector shall register in the municipality  
18           where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector's parent was last  
19           domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector's  
20           qualifications under this section. ~~The form board shall be~~ ensure that the form is  
21           substantially similar to the original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable.  
22           Registration shall be accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

23           **SECTION 20.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
24           act), is repealed and recreated 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 commission designed to ascertain the elector’s  
4 qualifications under this section. The commission shall 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 21.** 6.25 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           **6.25 (1) (a)** Any individual who qualifies as a military elector under s. 6.22 (1)  
9 (b) and who transmits an application for an official absentee ballot for any election,  
10 including a primary election, no later than the latest time specified for the elector in  
11 s. 6.86 (1) (b) may, in lieu of the official ballot, cast a federal write-in absentee ballot  
12 prescribed under 42 USC 1973ff-2 for any candidate for an office listed on the official  
13 ballot or for all of the candidates of any recognized political party for the offices listed  
14 on the official ballot at that election if the federal write-in absentee ballot is received  
15 by the appropriate municipal clerk no later than the applicable time prescribed in  
16 s. 6.87 (6) ~~or 7.515 (3)~~.

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

18           **6.25 (1) (b)** Any individual who qualifies as an overseas elector under s. 6.24  
19 (1) and who transmits an application for an official absentee ballot for an election for  
20 national office, including a primary election, no later than the latest time specified  
21 for an elector in s. 6.86 (1) (b) may, in lieu of the official ballot, cast a federal write-in  
22 absentee ballot prescribed under 42 USC 1973ff-2 for any candidate or for all  
23 candidates of any recognized political party for national office listed on the official  
24 ballot at that election, if the federal write-in absentee ballot is received by the

1 appropriate municipal clerk no later than the applicable time prescribed in s. 6.87  
2 (6) or 7.515-(3).

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

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

6 **6.275 (1) (b)** The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that  
7 county who were preregistered on the deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1) (a), including  
8 valid mail registrations which are postmarked by that day and valid electronic  
9 registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5).

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

12 **6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE; LOCATIONS.** (a) Except as authorized  
13 in ss. 6.29, 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for ~~any an~~ election shall  
14 close closes at 5 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations  
15 made by mail under s. 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk  
16 or postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic  
17 registration under s. 6.30 (5) for an election closes at 11:59 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday  
18 preceding the election. The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may  
19 assign election registration officials to register electors who apply for an in-person  
20 absentee ballot under s. 6.86 (1) (b) or to register electors at a polling place on election  
21 day or at a residential care facility, as defined under s. 6.875 (1) (bm).

22 (b) All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made  
23 throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the  
24 office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations  
25 provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over

1 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,  
2 village or town board in all other municipalities. ~~Other registration locations may~~  
3 ~~include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions~~  
4 ~~of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,~~  
5 ~~savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall~~  
6 ~~be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the~~  
7 ~~board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An~~  
8 elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at  
9 the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

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

11 6.30 (1) IN PERSON. An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as  
12 provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

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

14 6.30 (4) BY MAIL. Any eligible elector may register by mail on a form prescribed  
15 by the board and provided by each municipality. The form shall be designed to obtain  
16 the information required in ss. 6.33 (1) ~~and to provide for changes authorized under~~  
17 ~~s. 6.40 (1) (a).~~ The form shall contain a certification by the elector that all statements  
18 are true and correct. The form shall be prepostpaid for return when mailed at any  
19 point within the United States. The form shall be available in the municipal clerk's  
20 office and may be distributed by any elector of the municipality. The clerk shall mail  
21 a registration form to any elector upon written or oral request.

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

24 6.30 (4) BY MAIL. Any eligible elector may register by mail on a form prescribed  
25 by the commission and provided by each municipality. The form shall be designed

1 to obtain the information required in ss. 6.33 (1). The form shall contain a  
2 certification by the elector that all statements are true and correct. The form shall  
3 be prepostpaid for return when mailed at any point within the United States. The  
4 form shall be available in the municipal clerk's office and may be distributed by any  
5 elector of the municipality. The clerk shall mail a registration form to any elector  
6 upon written or oral request.

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

8 6.30 (5) BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION. An eligible elector who holds a current and  
9 valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card  
10 issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by the  
11 board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that  
12 enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically.  
13 An elector who registers electronically under this subsection must authorize the  
14 board to obtain from the department of transportation an electronic copy of the  
15 elector's signature, which signature shall constitute an affirmance that all  
16 information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the same effect as if the  
17 elector had signed the application personally. The board shall include on the  
18 registration form a place for the elector to give this authorization. Upon submittal  
19 of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from the department of  
20 transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the elector. The board shall  
21 maintain the application on file and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of  
22 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides of its receipt of  
23 each completed application. The board shall also permit any elector who has a  
24 current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current  
25 and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes in his or her

1 registration at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original registration  
2 under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any changes in the  
3 same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered on an  
4 application for original registration.

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

7 **6.30 (5) BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION.** An eligible elector who holds a current and  
8 valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card  
9 issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by the  
10 commission. The commission shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration  
11 form that enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1)  
12 electronically. An elector who registers electronically under this subsection must  
13 authorize the commission to obtain from the department of transportation an  
14 electronic copy of the elector's signature, which signature shall constitute an  
15 affirmation that all information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the  
16 same effect as if the elector had signed the application personally. The commission  
17 shall include on the registration form a place for the elector to give this authorization.  
18 Upon submittal of the electronic application, the commission shall obtain from the  
19 department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the elector. The  
20 commission shall maintain the application on file and shall notify the municipal  
21 clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides  
22 of its receipt of each completed application. The commission shall also permit any  
23 elector who has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch.  
24 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes  
25 in his or her registration at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original



1 registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any  
2 changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered  
3 on an application for original registration.

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

5 6.32 (1) Upon receipt of a registration form that is submitted by mail under s.  
6 ~~6.30 (4) or that is submitted by a special registration deputy appointed under s. 6.26~~  
7 or by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5), the municipal clerk shall examine the  
8 form for sufficiency.

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

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

15 **6.325 Disqualification of electors.** No person may be disqualified as an  
16 elector unless the municipal clerk, board of election commissioners or a challenging  
17 elector under s. 6.48 demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that the person does  
18 not qualify as an elector or is not properly registered. If it appears that the  
19 challenged elector is registered at a residence in this state other than the one where  
20 the elector now resides, the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall,  
21 before permitting the elector to vote, require the elector to ~~transfer his or her~~  
22 ~~registration under s. 6.40 (1) (a)~~ properly register and shall notify the municipal clerk  
23 or board of election commissioners at the former residence. The municipal clerk or  
24 board of election commissioners may require naturalized applicants to show their  
25 naturalization certificates.

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

2           6.33 (1) The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration  
3 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed ~~on cards~~ and each item of information  
4 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as otherwise  
5 provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as  
6 nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter  
7 registration needs. ~~The forms board shall be designed~~ design the form to obtain from  
8 each ~~applicant~~ elector information as to name; date; residence location; location of  
9 previous residence immediately before moving to current residence location;  
10 citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license  
11 issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security  
12 account number; whether the ~~applicant~~ elector has resided within the ward or  
13 election district for ~~at least 28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1);  
14 whether the ~~applicant~~ elector has been convicted of a felony for which he or she has  
15 not been pardoned, and if so, whether the ~~applicant~~ elector is incarcerated, or on  
16 parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the ~~applicant~~ elector is  
17 disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the ~~applicant~~ elector is  
18 currently registered to vote at any other location. ~~The form board shall include on~~  
19 the nonelectronic form a space for the ~~applicant's~~ 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 form board shall state~~ include the  
22 following statement: "Falsification of information on this form is punishable under  
23 Wisconsin law as a Class I felony." ~~The form board shall include on the form~~ a space  
24 to enter the name of any ~~special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or~~  
25 inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and

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

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

21 6.33 (1) The commission shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of  
22 registration forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed and each item of  
23 information shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the commission. Except  
24 as otherwise provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same  
25 information as nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient

1 forms to meet voter registration needs. The commission shall design the form to  
2 obtain from each elector information as to name; date; residence location; location of  
3 previous residence immediately before moving to current residence location;  
4 citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license  
5 issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security  
6 account number; whether the elector has resided within the ward or election district  
7 for the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the elector has  
8 been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so,  
9 whether the elector is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision;  
10 whether the elector is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the  
11 elector is currently registered to vote at any other location. The commission shall  
12 include on the nonelectronic form a space for the elector's signature and on the  
13 electronic form the authorization specified under s. 6.30 (5). Below the space for the  
14 signature or authorization, respectively, the commission shall include the following  
15 statement: "Falsification of information on this form is punishable under Wisconsin  
16 law as a Class I felony." The commission shall include on the form a space to enter  
17 the name of any inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who  
18 obtains the form and a space for the inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her  
19 name, affirming that the inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form. The  
20 commission shall include on the form a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic  
21 district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to  
22 determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The  
23 commission shall also include on the form a space where the clerk may record an  
24 indication of whether the form is received by mail or by electronic application, a space  
25 where the clerk shall record an indication of the type of identifying document

1 submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the  
2 elector's information in lieu of proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), the  
3 name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying document, and, if the  
4 identifying document includes a number that applies only to the individual holding  
5 that document, that number. The commission shall also include on the form a space  
6 where the clerk, for any elector who possesses a valid voting identification card  
7 issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number  
8 appearing on the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient  
9 registration forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the  
10 office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

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

12 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the clerk  
13 shall record the ward and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information  
14 under sub. (1), the indication of whether the registration is received by mail, and the  
15 type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s.  
16 6.34, ~~and any information relating to an applicant's voting identification card shall~~  
17 ~~be recorded by the clerk. Each applicant.~~ Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5), each  
18 elector shall sign his or her own name unless the ~~applicant~~ elector is unable to sign  
19 his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the ~~applicant~~ elector may  
20 authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the ~~applicant~~ elector  
21 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the  
22 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is  
23 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

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

1           6.33 (2) (b) Except as provided in s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the registration form shall  
2 be signed by the registering elector before the clerk, issuing officer or ~~registration~~  
3 ~~deputy election registration official~~. The form shall contain a certification by the  
4 registering elector that all statements are true and correct.

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

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

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

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

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

24           6.33 (5) (a) 1. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a  
25 municipal clerk receives a valid registration or valid change of a name or address

1 under an existing registration or changes a registration from eligible to ineligible  
2 status the municipal clerk or the clerk’s designee shall promptly enter electronically  
3 on the list maintained by the commission under s. 6.36 (1) the information required  
4 under that subsection.

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

14 3. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, the municipal clerk or the  
15 clerk’s designee shall update any entries that change on the date of an election other  
16 than a general election within 30 days after the date of that election, and shall update  
17 any entries that change on the date of a general election within 45 days after the date  
18 of that election. The commission administrator may, upon request of a municipal  
19 clerk permit the clerk to update entries that change on the date of a general election  
20 within 60 days after that election.

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

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

24 6.33 (5) (a) 2. Except as provided in par. (b) and this paragraph, whenever a  
25 municipal clerk mails an absentee ballot to an elector or receives an in-person

1 absentee ballot application or an absentee ballot the municipal clerk shall, no later  
2 than 48 hours after mailing an absentee ballot or receiving an in-person absentee  
3 ballot application or an absentee ballot, enter electronically on the list maintained  
4 by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection or  
5 submit the information to the clerk's designee who shall, no later than 24 hours after  
6 receiving the information from the clerk, enter electronically on the list maintained  
7 by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that subsection.

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

9 6.34 (2) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon completion of a registration  
10 form prescribed under s. 6.33, each eligible elector who is required to register under  
11 s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector, shall provide an  
12 identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). If the elector  
13 registered by mail or by electronic application, the identifying document may not be  
14 a residential lease.

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

16 6.34 (2m) An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)  
17 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of  
18 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license  
19 issued under ch. 343, or the number of a current and valid identification card issued  
20 under s. 343.50, together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board is  
21 able to verify the information specified under sub. (3) (b) using the system  
22 maintained under sub. (4).

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



1           **6.34 (2m)** An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)  
2 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of  
3 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license  
4 issued under ch. 343, or the number of a current and valid identification card issued  
5 under s. 343.50, together with the elector's name and date of birth and the  
6 commission is able to verify the information specified under sub. (3) (b) using the  
7 system maintained under sub. (4).

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

9           **6.34 (3) (a) 7. b.** An identification card issued by a university, college or  
10 technical college that contains a photograph of the cardholder if the university,  
11 college, or technical college that issued the card provides a certified and current list  
12 of students who reside in housing sponsored by the university, college, or technical  
13 college and who are U.S. citizens to the municipal clerk prior to the election showing  
14 the current address of the students and if the municipal clerk, ~~special registration~~  
15 deputy election registration official, or inspector verifies that the student presenting  
16 the card is included on the list.

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

18           **6.34 (3) (a) 12.** For an occupant of a residential care facility, as defined in s.  
19 6.875 (1) (bm), for the purpose of registering at the facility, a contract or intake  
20 document prepared by the residential care facility that specifies that the occupant  
21 currently resides in the facility. The contract or intake document may also identify  
22 the room or unit in which the occupant resides.

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

24           **6.34 (4)** The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an  
25 instant basis, information specified under sub. (3) (b) from the information

1 submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m), using the information  
2 maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to the board's agreement  
3 with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1). If a prospective elector enters  
4 information specified under sub. (3) (b) 2. into the system that does not match such  
5 information maintained by the department of transportation, the system shall  
6 redirect the elector to the department of transportation's Internet site so that the  
7 elector may update his or her information with the department of transportation.

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

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

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

20 6.35 (1) (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election  
21 commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following  
22 ways, except as provided in sub. subs. (1m) and (2):

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

1           6.35 (2) The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which  
2           municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of  
3           registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

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

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

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

11          6.36 (1) (a) (intro.) The commission shall compile and maintain electronically  
12          an official registration list. The list shall contain all of the following:

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

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

17           1. The name and address of each registered elector in the state, the,

18           2. The elector's date of birth of the elector, the,

19           3. The ward and aldermanic district of the elector, if any, and, for,

20           4. For each elector, a unique registration identification number assigned by the  
21          board, the,

22           5. The number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343,  
23          if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number, if any, any,

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

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

1           8. An indication of whether the elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s.  
2 6.24 (1), ~~any.~~

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

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

7           11. An indication of the method by which the elector's registration form was  
8 received, ~~and an.~~

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

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

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

22           **6.36 (1) (a) 4.** For each elector, a unique registration identification number  
23 assigned by the commission.

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

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

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

5           6.36 (1) (a) 13. A separate column indicating the date on which an elector  
6 applied to vote by in-person absentee ballot.

7           14. Separate columns indicating the date on which the clerk mailed an  
8 absentee ballot to an elector and the date on which the elector returned the absentee  
9 ballot.

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

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

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

15          6.36 (1) (ae) 1. The chief election officer shall enter into a membership  
16 agreement with Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for the purpose of  
17 maintaining the official registration list under this section. Prior to entering into an  
18 agreement under this subdivision, the chief election officer shall ensure that the  
19 agreement satisfies all of the following conditions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 6.36 (1) (am) The list under par. (a) may contain such other information as may  
13 be determined by the commission to facilitate administration of elector registration  
14 requirements.

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

16 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. Except as provided in pars. (ae), (bm), and (bn), no person other  
17 than an employee of the board, a county clerk, a deputy county clerk, an executive  
18 director of a county board of election commissioners, a deputy designated by the  
19 executive director, a municipal clerk, a deputy municipal clerk, an executive director  
20 of a city board of election commissioners, or a deputy designated by the executive  
21 director may view the date of birth, operator's license number, or social security  
22 account number of an elector, the address of an elector to whom an identification  
23 serial number is issued under s. 6.47 (3), or any indication of an accommodation  
24 required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by an elector.

1           **SECTION 58.** 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts  
2 118 and ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

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

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

13           6.36 (2) (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication  
14 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted  
15 to vote. If proof of residence is provided, the type of identifying document submitted  
16 by the elector and the name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying  
17 document, or an indication that the information provided by the elector in lieu of  
18 proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), shall be entered on the list in the  
19 space provided. Proof Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is  
20 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector  
21 registers by mail or by electronic application and has not previously voted in an  
22 election in this state.

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

24           6.36 (6) The board shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of the  
25 official registration list, or a portion of the list, including access to the subscription

1 service established under s. 5.05 (14) (b). The amount of the fee shall be set, after  
2 consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount estimated to  
3 cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list at the state  
4 and local level. The rules shall require that revenues from fees received be shared  
5 between the state and municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5) (b), and shall  
6 specify a method for such allocation.

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

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

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

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

19 6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has  
20 changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal  
21 clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice  
22 by 1st class mail to the elector's registration address stating the source of the  
23 information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a  
24 registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of  
25 election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails



1 to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is  
2 mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall change the elector's  
3 registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information  
4 that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,  
5 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall ~~transfer~~ change the  
6 elector's registration and mail the elector a notice of the ~~transfer under s. 6.40 (2)~~  
7 change. This subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any  
8 registration under s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925, 6.93, or 7.52 (5).

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

10 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to  
11 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29  
12 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to  
13 the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s.  
14 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

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

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

17 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the elector  
18 shall provide proof of residence under s. 6.34. The signing by the elector executing  
19 the registration form shall be in the presence of the ~~special~~ election registration  
20 deputy official or inspector. Upon receipt of the registration form, the ~~deputy~~ official  
21 or inspector shall enter both the type of identifying document submitted by the  
22 elector as proof of residence and the name of the entity or institution that issued the  
23 identifying document, and, if the identifying document includes a number that  
24 applies only to the individual holding that document, that number in the space  
25 provided on the form. The ~~deputy~~ official or inspector shall then print his or her name

1 on and sign the form, indicating that the deputy official or inspector has accepted the  
2 form. Upon compliance with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his  
3 or her vote, if the elector complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling  
4 place.

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

6 **6.55 (2) (c) 1.** As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.  
7 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any  
8 municipality, may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who  
9 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another  
10 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the  
11 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),  
12 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the  
13 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the  
14 polling place. An eligible elector who desires to register shall execute a registration  
15 form as prescribed under par. (a) and provide proof of residence as provided under  
16 s. 6.34. The signing by the person executing the registration form shall be in the  
17 presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special election registration deputy  
18 official. Upon receipt of the registration form, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or  
19 special election registration deputy official shall enter the type of identifying  
20 document submitted by the elector as proof of residence, the name of the entity or  
21 institution that issued the identifying document, and, if the identifying document  
22 includes a number that applies only to the individual holding that document, the last  
23 4 digits of that number in the space provided on the form. If the number on the  
24 identifying document submitted by the elector has 6 or fewer digits, the clerk shall  
25 enter only the last 2 digits of that number. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk,

1 or the ~~special election~~ registration ~~deputy official~~ shall then print his or her name  
2 and sign the form, indicating that the clerk, deputy clerk, or ~~deputy official~~ has  
3 accepted the form. Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk,  
4 deputy clerk, or ~~special election~~ registration ~~deputy official~~ shall serially number the  
5 registration and give one copy to the person for presentation at the polling place  
6 serving the person's residence or an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5)  
7 (b).

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

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

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

3           6.55 (2) (cs) The commission shall provide to each municipal clerk a list  
4 prepared for use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person  
5 whose name appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s.  
6 301.03 (20m) as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located  
7 in the area served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll  
8 list for that polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this  
9 subsection or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or election registration officials shall  
10 review the list. If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on  
11 the list, the inspectors or election registration officials shall inform the elector or the  
12 elector's agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the  
13 elector's agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the  
14 inspectors or election registration officials shall permit the elector to register but  
15 shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of  
16 Corrections." If the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to  
17 vote by ballot and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

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

19           6.55 (2) (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides  
20 at the same address, and has not ~~notified~~ previously provided notice of the change  
21 to the municipal clerk under s. 6.40 (1) (e), shall notify the inspector of the change  
22 before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when  
23 materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and  
24 address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location  
25 under pars. (a) and (b).

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

3           6.55 (6) Any of the registration duties of inspectors under sub. (2) may be  
4 carried out in the municipality by the municipal clerk ~~or by special registration~~  
5 ~~deputies appointed by the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners at any~~  
6 ~~polling place or other registration location whenever the clerk or board of election~~  
7 ~~commissioners determines that the registration process provided for in that~~  
8 subsection will be facilitated thereby. The municipal clerk, however, may not carry  
9 out the registration duties of the inspectors under sub. (2) if the municipal clerk is  
10 a candidate on the ballot for that election day. ~~The deputies shall be specially~~  
11 ~~appointed by the clerk or board of election commissioners for one election only to~~  
12 ~~conduct elector registration only.~~

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

14           6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS. ~~Two election officials at each election ward shall~~  
15 ~~be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists containing information~~  
16 ~~relating to all persons voting.~~ The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the  
17 information on the lists poll list manually or electronically. If the lists ~~are~~  
18 ~~maintained~~ clerk elects to maintain the list electronically, the board shall prescribe  
19 a supplemental list that contains the full name, address, and space for the entry of  
20 the signature of each elector, or if the elector is exempt from the signature  
21 requirement under s. 6.36 (2) (a), the word “exempt”. If the lists are maintained  
22 electronically, the officials shall enter the information into an electronic data  
23 recording system that enables retrieval of printed copies of the lists at the polling  
24 place an election official at each election ward shall be in charge of and shall maintain  
25 the poll list. The system employed to maintain the list electronically is subject to the

1 approval of the board. If the clerk elects to maintain the information manually, 2  
2 election officials at each election ward shall be in charge of and shall maintain 2  
3 separate poll lists.

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

6 **6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS.** The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the  
7 information on the poll list manually or electronically. If the clerk elects to maintain  
8 the list electronically, an election official at each election ward shall be in charge of  
9 and shall maintain the poll list. The system employed to maintain the list  
10 electronically is subject to the approval of the commission. If the clerk elects to  
11 maintain the information manually, 2 election officials at each election ward shall  
12 be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists.

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

14 **6.79 (2) (d)** If the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is  
15 required and the proof of identification document provided by the elector under par.  
16 (a) does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, the officials shall require the  
17 elector to provide proof of residence. If proof of residence is provided, the officials  
18 shall enter both the type of identifying document submitted as proof of residence and  
19 the name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying document in the  
20 space provided on the poll list and shall verify that the name and address on the  
21 identifying document is the same as the name and address shown on the registration  
22 list. If proof of residence is required and not provided, or if the elector does not  
23 present proof of identification under par. (a), whenever required, the officials shall  
24 offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

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

1           6.86 (3) (b) When each properly executed form and statement required under  
2 par. (a) is presented to the municipal clerk, if the elector who proposes to vote is  
3 qualified, an absentee ballot shall be issued and the name of such hospitalized elector  
4 shall be recorded by the clerk ~~or special registration deputy~~. An agent who is issued  
5 an absentee ballot under this section shall present documentation of his or her  
6 identity, provide his or her name and address, and attest to a statement that the  
7 ballot is received solely for the benefit of a named elector who is hospitalized, and the  
8 agent will promptly transmit the ballot to such person.

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

10           6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting  
11 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an  
12 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the  
13 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector  
14 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and  
15 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper  
16 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the  
17 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the  
18 proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document  
19 enclosed by the elector under this subdivision does not constitute proof of residence  
20 under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the  
21 envelope. ~~Proof~~ Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if  
22 the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registered  
23 by mail or by electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state. If  
24 the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail  
25 under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request

1 which bears an original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance  
2 under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be  
3 a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to  
4 the municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a  
5 location outside the United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the  
6 ballot qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an  
7 unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes  
8 are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot  
9 prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary  
10 which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by  
11 the elector for candidates in the primary.

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

13 6.87 (6) ~~Except as provided in s. 7.515 (3), the~~ The ballot shall be returned so  
14 it is received by the municipal clerk delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m.  
15 on election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed  
16 under s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the  
17 clerk shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place  
18 serving the elector's residence before ~~the closing hour. Except as provided in s. 7.515~~  
19 ~~(3), any 8 p.m.~~ Any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may  
20 not be counted.

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

22 6.87 (6d) If a certificate is missing the address of a witness, the ballot may not  
23 be counted.

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



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

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

7           7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33  
8 (1), ~~6.40 (1) (a)~~, 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms  
9 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration  
10 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the  
11 board.

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

14           7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33  
15 (1), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms shall contain  
16 a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting  
17 through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the commission.

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

19           7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may  
20 conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in ss. 7.15  
21 (1) (k) and 7.52 (1) (b), each election official shall be a qualified elector of a county in  
22 which the municipality where the official serves is located, and each chief inspector  
23 shall be a qualified elector of the municipality in which the chief inspector serves.  
24 If no qualified candidate for chief inspector is available or if the chief inspector is  
25 appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the person so appointed need not be a

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

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

22 7.31 (1) The board shall, ~~by rule, prescribe~~ establish requirements for  
23 certification of individuals to serve as chief inspectors. The requirements shall  
24 include a requirement to attend at least one training session held under sub. (5)  
25 before beginning service. ~~The requirements shall not include taking an examination.~~

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

3           7.31 (1) The commission shall establish requirements for certification of  
4 individuals to serve as chief inspectors. The requirements shall include a  
5 requirement to attend at least one training session held under sub. (5) before  
6 beginning service.

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

8           7.315 (1) (a) The board shall, by rule, prescribe the contents of the training that  
9 municipal clerks must provide to inspectors, other than chief inspectors, and to  
10 special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875, ~~and to special registration deputies~~  
11 ~~appointed under ss. 6.26 and 6.55 (6).~~

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

14           7.315 (1) (a) The commission shall, by rule, prescribe the contents of the  
15 training that municipal clerks must provide to inspectors, other than chief  
16 inspectors, and to special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875.

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

18           7.315 (1) (b) 1. Each inspector other than a chief inspector and each special  
19 voting deputy appointed under s. 6.875 ~~and special registration deputy appointed~~  
20 ~~under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6)~~ shall view or attend at least one training program every 2  
21 years. Except as provided in subd. 2., no individual may serve as an inspector, other  
22 than a chief inspector, or as a special voting deputy under s. 6.875, ~~or as a special~~  
23 ~~registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6)~~ at any election unless the individual has  
24 completed training for that election provided by the municipal clerk pursuant to  
25 rules promulgated under par. (a) within 2 years of the date of the election.

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

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

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

10          7.315 (3) The board may produce and periodically reissue as necessary a video  
11          program for the purpose of training election officials, including special voting  
12          deputies and ~~special registration deputies~~ election registration officials. The board  
13          shall make any such program available for viewing electronically through an  
14          Internet–based system.

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

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

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

22          7.315 (4) Election registration officials shall receive the training as provided  
23          under this section for inspectors, other than chief inspectors.

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

1           7.37 (13) CLOSING OF POLLS. For each polling place, the municipal clerk shall  
2 designate an official of the municipality who shall position himself or herself at the  
3 end of the line of individuals waiting to vote, if any, at the time that the polls officially  
4 close. The official may be an appointed inspector ~~or special registration deputy~~  
5 ~~appointed under s. 6.55 (6)~~ who serves at that polling place, an employee of the  
6 municipal clerk or a police officer. Only individuals in line ahead of the official shall  
7 be permitted to vote under s. 6.78 (4).

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

9           7.51 (4) (c) On election night the municipalities shall report the returns, by  
10 ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are  
11 tabulated.

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

13           7.51 (5) (b) The municipal clerk shall deliver all ballots, statements, tally  
14 sheets, lists, and envelopes relating to a school district election to the school district  
15 clerk, ~~excluding any absentee ballots that are received after the closing hour on~~  
16 ~~election night and~~ any provisional ballots, by 4 p.m. on the day following each such  
17 election and shall deliver to the school district clerk any amended statements, tally  
18 sheets, and lists for additional provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots canvassed under s.  
19 6.97 (4) ~~or 7.515 (6) (b)~~ no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday after the election. The  
20 municipal clerk shall deliver to the county clerk the ballots, statements, tally sheets,  
21 lists, and envelopes for his or her municipality relating to any county, technical  
22 college district, state, or national election no later than 4 p.m. on the day following  
23 each such election or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under  
24 s. 7.52, by 4 p.m. on the 2nd day following each such election, and shall deliver to the  
25 county clerk any additional provisional ~~and absentee~~ ballots canvassed under s. 6.97

1 (4) ~~or 7.515 (6) (b)~~ together with amended statements, tally sheets, lists, and  
2 envelopes no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday after the election. The person  
3 delivering the returns shall be paid out of the municipal treasury. Each clerk shall  
4 retain ballots, statements, tally sheets, or envelopes received by the clerk until  
5 destruction is authorized under s. 7.23 (1).

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

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

9 7.53 (1) (a) Where the municipality constitutes one ward or combines all wards  
10 to utilize a single polling place under s. 5.15 (6) (b), the canvass of the votes cast at  
11 the polling place shall be conducted publicly under s. 7.51 and the inspectors, other  
12 than any inspector appointed under s. 7.30 (1) (b), shall act as the municipal board  
13 of canvassers. The inspectors shall then complete the return statement for all votes  
14 cast at the polling place. If there are no provisional ballots that are eligible to be  
15 counted under s. 6.97 ~~and the municipal clerk has not mailed or transmitted~~  
16 ~~absentee ballots to any electors of the municipality that have not been returned by~~  
17 ~~election night~~, and no absentee ballots are being canvassed under s. 7.52, the  
18 inspectors may complete and sign the canvass statement and determination on  
19 election night. In municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52,  
20 after the canvass of the absentee ballots is completed under s. 7.52, the board of  
21 absentee ballot canvassers shall reconcile the poll list of the electors who vote by  
22 absentee ballot with the corresponding poll list of the electors who vote in person to  
23 ensure that no elector is allowed to cast more than one ballot. If an elector who votes  
24 in person has submitted an absentee ballot, the absentee ballot is void. Except as  
25 authorized in par. (b), if one or more electors of the municipality have cast provisional

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

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

20 7.53 (3) (a) In a common, union high or unified school district, the school district  
21 clerk shall appoint 2 qualified electors of the school district prior to the date of the  
22 election being canvassed who shall, with the school district clerk, constitute the  
23 school district board of canvassers. If the school district clerk is a candidate at the  
24 election being canvassed, the other 2 members of the board of canvassers shall  
25 designate a 3rd member to serve in lieu of the clerk for that election. The school

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

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

23 7.60 (1) **KEEP OFFICE OPEN.** On election night the county clerk shall keep the  
24 clerk's office open to receive reports from the ward inspectors and shall post all  
25 returns. On election night the clerk shall post all returns, by ward or reporting unit,



1 on an Internet site maintained by the county no later than 2 hours after receiving  
2 the returns.

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

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

24 **SECTION 100.** 9.01 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts  
25 118 and ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

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

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20           **SECTION 101.** 17.29 of the statutes is amended to read:

21           **17.29 Effect of chapter.** The provisions of this chapter supersede all contrary  
22 provisions in either the general law or in special acts, except ss. ~~6.26 (2) (b)~~, 6.55 (6),  
23 6.875, and 7.30 relating to appointed election officials and ch. 321 relating to the  
24 military staff of the governor and to officers of the Wisconsin national guard or state

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1 defense force; and shall govern all offices whether created by general law or special  
2 act, unless otherwise specially provided.

3 **SECTION 102.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
5 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to  
6 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained  
7 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information  
8 specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information in the operating  
9 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to  
10 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator  
11 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy  
12 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

13 **SECTION 103.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 118  
14 and .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

15 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
16 commission shall enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable  
17 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.  
18 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable  
19 information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle  
20 registration records under ch. 341 to the extent required to enable the secretary of  
21 transportation and the administrator of the elections commission to verify the  
22 accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

23 **SECTION 104.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended 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 government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the  
4 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a  
5 court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney,  
6 law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

7 SECTION 105. 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
8 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

9 343.027 Confidentiality of signatures. Any signature collected under this  
10 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except  
11 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the  
12 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting  
13 debt, to the elections commission, in electronic or digital format, for the purposes  
14 specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a court, district  
15 attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney, law enforcement  
16 agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

17 SECTION 106. <sup>Create A.R.</sup> Nonstatutory provisions.

18 (1) No later than the 20th day following the end of each calendar quarter, the  
19 government accountability board, or the elections commission, and the department  
20 of transportation shall each report to the appropriate standing committees of the  
21 legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes concerning  
22 its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration system. The board or  
23 commission and the department shall continue to file reports under this subsection  
24 until the board or commission determines that implementation is complete and the  
25 performance of the system is satisfactory.

1           **SECTION 107. Initial applicability.**

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

6           (2) The treatment of section 6.34 (3) (a) 12. of the statutes first applies to  
7           registration applications filed on the effective date of this subsection.

8           **SECTION 108. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after  
9           publication, except as follows:

10           (1) The repeal and recreation of sections 5.05 (14) (b) and (c) and (18), 5.056,  
11           5.91 (intro.), 6.24 (3), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33 (1) and (5) (a), 6.34 (2m) and (4), 6.35 (2),  
12           6.36 (1) (a) (intro.), 4., and 9., (am), (b) 1. a. and (6), 6.55 (2) (cs), 6.79 (1m), 7.08 (1)  
13           (c), 7.31 (1), 7.315 (1) (a) and (3), 9.01 (1) (a) 1., 85.61 (1), and 343.027 of the statutes  
14           takes effect on June 30, 2016.

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15           (2) The repeal of section 6.26 of the statutes takes effect on the first day of the  
16           6th month beginning after publication.

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*day on which the legislative reference bureau receives notice use A.R. under SECTION 106 of this act*

*and the creation of section 19.42 (10) (a) and (b) and (13) of the statutes (P)*



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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1 AN ACT *to amend* 11.1104 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** limitations on political  
2 action committee contributions to a segregated fund.

SEGREGATED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

substitute amendment

This bill 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.

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

3 SECTION 1. 11.1104 (6) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 11.1104 (6) Contributions paid to a segregated fund established and  
6 administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes  
7 other than making contributions to a candidate committee or making disbursements

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1 for express advocacy, except that a political action committee may contribute no more  
2 than \$12,000 in any calendar year to such a fund.

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(END)

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1 **AN ACT to create** 19.42 (10) (ab) and 19.42 (13) (p) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
 2 applying the standards of conduct for state public officials to all members of the  
 3 Elections Commission and the Ethics Commission.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (CS)

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This **bill** 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 **bill** 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.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 19.42 (10) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:  
 5 19.42 (10) (ab) A member or employee of the ethics commission.  
 6 **SECTION 2.** 19.42 (13) (p) of the statutes is created to read:

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**Insert 52 - 25**

1 *mw JT* The board or commission and the department shall ensure that the  
2 implementation is complete and the performance of the system is satisfactory before  
3 the spring primary in 2017. The board or commission shall notify the legislative  
4 reference bureau of the date on which the implementation is complete and the  
5 performance satisfactory.

## Kreye, Joseph

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**From:** Petrovich, Luke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 10:16 AM  
**To:** Kreye, Joseph  
**Cc:** Summerfield, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: release of LRBs 4486/P1 & 4558/P1

Joe,

Please roll this into our substitute amendment. I will call you shortly to discuss other questions surrounding the sub.

Thanks,

### Luke Petrovich

Office of Senator Devin LeMahieu  
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**From:** Kreye, Joseph  
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**Subject:** RE: release of LRBs 4486/P1 & 4558/P1

Will do.

**Joseph T. Kreye**  
Legal Services Manager  
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**From:** Foltz, Adam  
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**Subject:** release of LRBs 4486/P1 & 4558/P1

Joe,

Could you please release LRBs 4486/P1 & 4558/P1 to the LeMahieu office? Craig and Luke are cc'd on this email.

Thanks,

Adam