



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 209**  
[2015 Senate Bill 47]

**Responding to Absentee  
Ballot Request**

Under Wisconsin law, when an elector requests an absentee ballot from a municipal clerk, the clerk must send an official absentee ballot to the elector no later than the 47th day before each partisan primary and general election and no later than the 21st day before each other primary and election, if the request is made prior that day. Under prior law, in all other circumstances, the clerk was required to send the ballot within one day of the receipt of the request.

2015 Wisconsin Act 209 retains the timeframe for requests made prior to the 47th day before a partisan primary or general election or the 21st day before each other primary or election. However, in all other circumstances, the Act requires a clerk to send an absentee ballot within one **business day** of the receipt of the request, as opposed to one **day** under prior law. A “business day” means any day from Monday to Friday, not including a legal holiday.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.