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<b>2015 Wisconsin Act 229</b> [2015 Senate Bill 391]	<b>Training Period for Election Officials; Term of Office for Members of Boards of Canvassers</b>
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2015 Wisconsin Act 229 makes changes to the period during which an election official must attend training and to the term of office for members of boards of canvassers.

**TRAINING PERIOD FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Under Wisconsin law, each election official must attend training every two years.

The Act specifies a two-year period during which an election official must attend training. Specifically, the Act requires an election official to attend training **during the period beginning on January 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on December 31 of the following year.**

**TERM OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF CANVASSERS**

Under Wisconsin law, the members of boards of canvassers serve for two-year terms. Under prior law, the term commenced on January 1 of each **odd-numbered year.**

The Act changes the date on which the term of office for members of boards of canvassers commences. Under the Act, the two-year term of office commences on January 1 of each **even-numbered year.** In addition, under the Act, a member of a board of canvassers appointed to serve a two-year term ending on December 31, 2016, serves until December 31, 2017.

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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>.