



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1038**

April 14, 2020 - Offered by Representatives HINTZ, HESSELBEIN, SPREITZER, DOYLE, B. MEYERS, ZAMARRIPA, MILROY, CABRERA, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, VINING, GOYKE, BILLINGS, FIELDS, RIEMER, SARGENT, POPE, OHNSTAD, CONSIDINE, ANDERSON, HEBL, KOLSTE, VRUWINK, EMERSON, STUBBS, CROWLEY, STUCK, BOWEN, NEUBAUER and SINICKI.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 2, line 8: after “pandemic” insert “and making an appropriation”.

3 **2.** Page 19, line 1: before that line insert:

4 “**SECTION 1b.** 5.41 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **5.41 Voter identification requirements for 2020.** Notwithstanding ss. 6.15
6 (2) (bm) and (3), 6.18, 6.79 (2) (a) and (d), (3) (b), and (8), 6.82 (1) (a), 6.86 (1) (ar) and
7 (3) (a) 1. and (c), 6.869, 6.87 (1) and (2), 6.875 (6) (c) 1., 6.97, and 10.02 (3) (a), an
8 elector is not required to provide proof of identification in order to vote at any election
9 held in 2020.

10 **SECTION 1c.** 6.58 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **6.58 Registration in 2020.** For elections in 2020, registration in person for
12 an election closes at 5 p.m. on the 5th day preceding the election, registrations made
13 by mail under s. 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk no later

1 than the 5th day preceding the election, and electronic registration under s. 6.30 (5)
2 for an election closes at 5 p.m. on the 5th day preceding the election. All parts of an
3 electronic registration may be completed electronically.

4 **SECTION 1d.** 6.895 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **6.895 Voting by absentee ballot in 2020. (1)** Notwithstanding any
6 provision to the contrary, every election held in 2020 shall be conducted by mail using
7 absentee ballots. The clerk shall send or transmit an official absentee ballot to each
8 registered elector of the municipality no later than the deadline provided under s.
9 7.15 (1) (cm) and within one business day for each new registrant under s. 6.58. In
10 order to be counted, an absentee ballot mailed under this section shall be postmarked
11 no later than the day of the election and returned no later than 5 p.m. on the Tuesday
12 following the election. A witness signature is not required for any absentee ballot
13 used for an election in 2020.

14 **(2)** Notwithstanding ss. 5.25 and 6.78 (1m), no polling location shall be open
15 for in-person voting for elections held in 2020 except as provided in this subsection.
16 Each municipality shall provide no less than 8 hours of in-person voting on each
17 election day in 2020, during the times determined by the elections commission, for
18 the purpose of allowing qualified electors who, by reason of disability or difficulty
19 reading, writing, or understanding English, are unable to cast an absentee ballot by
20 mail. Election inspectors shall allow disabled electors to cast in-person ballots using
21 assistive technology and provide assistance to those voters who cannot read or write
22 or have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English. Inspectors shall also
23 allow such electors to register during that time. The municipal clerk or board of
24 election commissioners shall post notice of the hours and locations for voting as

1 provided under this paragraph at least 48 hours before the first time that such voting
2 is available.

3 **(3)** The elections commission shall issue guidelines for municipal clerks,
4 boards of election commissioners, and other election officials to adhere to in order to
5 implement the scheduling, process, and procedures set forth in subs. (1) and (2).
6 Notwithstanding ss. 227.01 (3m) and (13), 227.10, and 227.112, guidelines issued
7 under this paragraph need not be promulgated as rules under ch. 227, are not
8 guidance documents, and are not subject to the requirements of s. 227.112.”.

9 **3.** Page 20, line 5: after that line insert:

10 “**SECTION 2d.** 20.510 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.510 (1) (am) *Voting by absentee ballot during an emergency.* A sum sufficient
12 for additional postage and printing costs incurred to conduct an election by mail
13 under s. 6.895.”.

14 **4.** Page 86, line 23: after that line insert:

15 “**SECTION 105m. Fiscal changes.**

16 (1) **EXTENDING ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.** In
17 the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the elections commission
18 under s. 20.510 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by
19 \$1,000,000 to cover the costs associated with updating the voter registration system
20 as a result of extending registration and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21
21 is increased by \$3,000,000 for a public information campaign to promote the
22 vote-by-mail system in 2020.”.

23 **(END)**