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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Senate Bill 213**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### **2021 SENATE BILL 213, AS AMENDED**

Senate Bill 213 makes changes to venue for elections law violations. Under current law, an action for violation of chs. 5 to 12, Stats., must be tried in the county where the defendant resides. The bill, as amended by the Senate, provides that venue is proper in the county where the alleged violation occurred or any county contiguous to that county. However, this venue provision applies only to violations of specific election law chapters - chs. 5 to 9 and 12, Stats. - and does not apply to alleged violations in chs. 10 and 11, Stats., relating to election notices and campaign finance.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 limits the circumstances under which venue is proper in a contiguous county. Under the amendment, venue is proper in the county where an alleged violation of chs. 5 to 9 or 12, Stats., occurred or, if no action or proceeding is commenced in that county within 60 days, in a contiguous county.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 213 was offered by Representative Brooks on February 21, 2022. On February 24, 2022, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and concurred in the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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