February 3, 2022 – Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, DARLING, FELZKOWSKI and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDRUM, ROZAR, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, BROOKS, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DITTRICH, KNODL, KRUG, MAGNAFICI, PENTERMAN, SANFELIPPO, WICHERS and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics.

AN ACT to repeal 6.87 (4) (b) 3.; to renumber and amend 6.86 (1) (ar); to amend 6.18 (intro.), 6.27, 6.30 (5), 6.33 (1), 6.36 (1) (a) 5., 6.86 (1) (a) 1., 6.86 (1) (ac), 6.86 (1) (a) 1., 6.87 (1), 6.87 (2) (intro.), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 6.87 (4) (b) 2., 6.87 (4) (b) 5. and 12.60 (1) (a); and to create 6.86 (1) (as), 6.86 (8) and 12.13 (3) (md) of the statutes; relating to: absentee ballot applications, unsolicited mailing or transmission of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots, secure delivery of absentee ballots, canvassing absentee ballots, voter registration requirements, electronic voter registration, and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Absentee ballots

This bill makes a number of changes to the laws relating to absentee ballots in Wisconsin.

1. Applications for absentee ballots

Subject to an exception for certain voters at residential care facilities and qualified retirement homes, current law prohibits a municipal clerk from issuing an absentee ballot to a voter, including in person at the municipal clerk’s office, unless the voter submits a written application for the absentee ballot. Current law does not prescribe a specific form of written application for requesting absentee ballots.
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The bill requires the Elections Commission to prescribe the form and instructions of the absentee ballot application. The bill also requires the absentee ballot application to be separate and distinct from the certificate envelope in which voters must seal and submit absentee ballots, the outer portion of which includes certifications of both the voter and a witness. Additionally, the bill requires that the application require the voter to certify facts establishing that he or she is eligible to vote in the election and must include at least all of the following information:

a. The voter’s municipality and county of residence.
b. The voter’s name, date of birth, and contact information, including as applicable the voter’s telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address.
c. The street address of the voter’s legal voting residence.
d. The election at which the voter intends to vote absentee.
e. Whether the voter is a military or overseas voter.
f. The voter’s confidential identification serial number if the voter has obtained a confidential listing for purposes of voting.
g. The lawful method by which the voter prefers to receive the absentee ballot.
h. Whether the voter is a hospitalized voter.

The bill provides that any municipal clerk issuing an absentee ballot without having received a completed application on the form prescribed by the Elections Commission under the bill that contains the voter’s original written signature, a copy of the voter’s original written signature if transmitted by facsimile transmission, or the voter’s electronic signature if submitted in Portable Document Format (PDF) by e-mail, or the signature of a person authorized by law to sign on the voter’s behalf, is subject to a Class I felony, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed $10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed three years and six months, or both.

2. Automatic receipt of absentee ballots

In addition to indefinitely confined voters, as well as military and overseas voters, current law allows any other voter eligible to vote absentee in Wisconsin to apply for automatic receipt of absentee ballots for all elections occurring in the voter’s municipality during the year of application.

Under this bill, a voter must submit a separate application for each primary and the election associated with that primary for which the voter wishes to receive absentee ballots automatically. The application must specify the primary and election to which the application applies. The municipal clerk is required to send an absentee ballot to the voter automatically only with respect to the primary and election specified in the application, except that if the voter fails to return the absentee ballot for the primary, the municipal clerk may not send an absentee ballot automatically to the voter for the election specified in the application.

3. Photo ID requirements for absentee voters

Current law requires most voters applying to vote absentee in an election to submit proof of identification, such as a driver’s license, with their absentee ballot application. The municipal clerk must verify that the name on the proof of identification conforms to the name on the voter’s absentee ballot application. However, current law exempts from that proof of identification requirement certain voters, including voters who received an absentee ballot from the municipal clerk by
mail for a previous election, had provided proof of identification with that ballot, and had not changed their name or address since providing that proof of identification. This bill eliminates that exemption from providing proof of identification when voting absentee.

4. Unsolicited mailing or transmission of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots

The bill prohibits any municipal or county clerk or municipal or county board of election commissioners, and any person acting on behalf of the Elections Commission, from sending or transmitting an absentee ballot application or an absentee ballot to a voter for purposes of voting in an election unless the voter applies for the application or ballot as provided by law.

Additionally, under the bill, no candidate committee, legislative campaign committee, political action committee, independent expenditure committee, political party, recall committee, or referendum committee, as those terms are defined by law, may send or transmit an absentee ballot application to a voter that contains a return address for the application other than the address of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the voter is registered to vote.

5. Secure delivery of absentee ballots

Current law provides that a voter may make a written application to the municipal clerk to obtain an absentee ballot by mail, in person at the clerk’s office or at an alternate absentee ballot site, by an agent for a hospitalized voter, by delivering an application to a special voting deputy, or electronically. The bill also allows a voter to use a for-profit commercial delivery service that moves parcels nationally and internationally to return an absentee ballot application or a completed absentee ballot.

Current law requires that an absentee ballot be returned by mail or in person to the municipal clerk. Under the bill, an absentee ballot must be returned by mail or by the voter, a member of the voter’s immediate family, the voter’s legal guardian, or another person designated by the voter to the office of the municipal clerk; to the municipal clerk at an alternate absentee ballot site; or to the voter’s polling place on election day. If the voter designates a person to return the absentee ballot, the voter must make that designation in writing and the person designated to return the ballot must be a registered voter in this state. Under the bill, the voter may not designate a candidate on the ballot nor compensate the designated person to deliver the ballot. No person designated to deliver a ballot may deliver more than two ballots for any election for a person who is not a member of the person’s immediate family. Under the bill, “immediate family” means persons who are related as spouses, as siblings, as parent and child, or as a grandparent or grandchild.

Finally, the bill prohibits a person from obtaining a marked absentee ballot from another person in order to deliver it to the municipal clerk or polling place, unless the person obtaining the ballot is a member of the voter’s immediate family, the voter’s legal guardian, or a person designated to return the ballot. A person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a Class I felony.
VOTER REGISTRATION

1. Registration requirements

The bill provides that no elector of this state may register to vote without providing the number of a valid driver’s license or identification card issued to the elector by the Department of Transportation or the last four digits of the elector’s social security number.

2. Electronic voter registration

Under current law, an individual holding a valid driver’s license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation and who is eligible to vote in Wisconsin may register electronically. The Elections Commission maintains an Internet site that is used by voting-eligible individuals for purposes of electronic registration, currently titled MyVote Wisconsin. Current law requires the commission to provide a secure registration form on that Internet site that enables the individual to enter and update the information necessary for purposes of voter registration. Upon the voter’s authorization, the commission obtains the individual’s electronic signature from DOT for purposes of authenticating the information provided by the individual. The bill requires the Elections Commission to maintain a version of the completed application that contains the voter’s electronic signature.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 6.18 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.18 Former residents. (intro.) If ineligible to qualify as an elector in the state to which the elector has moved, any former qualified Wisconsin elector may vote an absentee ballot in the ward of the elector’s prior residence in any presidential election occurring within 24 months after leaving Wisconsin by requesting an application form and returning it, properly executed, to the municipal clerk of the elector’s prior Wisconsin residence. When requesting an application form for an absentee ballot, the applicant shall specify the applicant’s eligibility for only the
presidential ballot. Unless the applicant is exempted from providing proof of
identification under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 2. or 3., or the applicant is a military or overseas
elector, the elector shall enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification or any
authorized substitute document with his or her application. The municipal clerk
shall verify that the name on the proof of identification conforms to the name on the
application. The clerk shall not issue a ballot to an elector who is required to enclose
a copy of proof of identification or an authorized substitute document with his or her
application unless the copy is enclosed and the proof is verified by the clerk. The
application form shall require the following information and be in substantially the
following form:

**SECTION 2.** 6.27 of the statutes is amended to read:

**6.27 Elector registration required.** Each elector shall register under this
chapter before voting in any election, except as authorized under ss. 6.15, 6.18, and
6.22. No elector may register to vote without providing the number of a current and
valid operator’s license issued to the elector under ch. 343, the number of a current
and valid identification card issued to the elector under s. 343.50, or the last 4 digits
of the elector’s social security account number.

**SECTION 3.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

**6.30 (5) By electronic application.** An eligible elector who holds a current and
valid operator’s license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card
issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by the
commission. The commission shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration
form that enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1)
electronically. An elector who registers electronically under this subsection must
authorize the commission to obtain from the department of transportation an
electronic copy of the elector’s signature, which signature shall constitute an
affirmance that all information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the
same effect as if the elector had signed the application personally. The commission
shall include on the registration form a place for the elector to give this authorization.
Upon submittal of the electronic application, the commission shall obtain from the
department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the elector. The
commission shall maintain the a version of the completed application on file and,
which shall contain the elector’s electronic signature, and shall notify the municipal
clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides
of its receipt of each completed application. The commission shall also permit any
elector who has a current and valid operator’s license issued to the elector under ch.
343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes
in his or her registration at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original
registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any
changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered
on an application for original registration.

SECTION 4. 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.33 (1) The commission shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of
registration forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed and each item of
information shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the commission. Except
as otherwise provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same
information as nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient
forms to meet voter registration needs. The commission shall design the form to
obtain from each elector information as to name; date; residence location; location of
previous residence immediately before moving to current residence location;
citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator’s license
issued to the elector under ch. 343, the number of a current and valid identification
card issued under s. 343.50, or the last 4 digits of the elector’s social security account
number; whether the elector has resided within the ward or election district for the
number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the elector has been
convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether
the elector is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether
the elector is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the elector
is currently registered to vote at any other location. The commission shall include
on the nonelectronic form a space for the elector’s signature and on the electronic
form the authorization specified under s. 6.30 (5). Below the space for the signature
or authorization, respectively, the commission shall include the following statement:
“Falsification of information on this form is punishable under Wisconsin law as a
Class I felony.” The commission shall include on the form a space to enter the name
of any inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the
form and a space for the inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name,
affirming that the inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form. The
commission shall include on the form a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic
district, if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to
determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The
commission shall also include on the form a space where the clerk may record an
indication of whether the form is received by mail or by electronic application, a space
where the clerk shall record an indication of the type of identifying document
submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the
elector’s information in lieu of proof of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), the
name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying document, and, if the
identifying document includes a number that applies only to the individual holding
that document, that number. The commission shall also include on the form a space
where the clerk, for any elector who possesses a valid voting identification card
issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number
appearing on the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient
registration forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the
office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

SECTION 5. 6.36 (1) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.36 (1) (a) 5. The number of a valid operator’s license issued to the elector
under ch. 343, if any, the number of a current and valid identification card issued
under s. 343.50, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector’s social security account
number, if any.

SECTION 6. 6.86 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 (1) (a) 1. By mail or by a for-profit commercial delivery service moving
parcels nationally and internationally.

SECTION 7. 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application
to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or
electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall not contain a copy
of the applicant’s original written signature. An elector requesting a ballot under
this paragraph shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an
original signature of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4) or contain the applicant’s
electronic signature on the application form in portable document format (PDF).
Except as authorized in ss. 6.87 (4) (b) 2. to 4., and 5. and 6.875 (6), and
notwithstanding s. 343.43 (1) (f), the elector shall transmit a copy of his or her proof of identification in the manner provided in s. 6.87 (1) unless the elector is a military elector or an overseas elector or the elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2).

SECTION 8. 6.86 (1) (ar) of the statutes is renumbered 6.86 (1) (ar) 1. and amended to read:

6.86 (1) (ar) 1. Except as authorized in s. 6.875 (6), the municipal clerk shall not issue an absentee ballot unless the clerk receives a written application therefor from a qualified elector of the municipality a completed application in the form prescribed by the commission under par. (as) that contains the elector’s original written signature, or, if application is made under par. (ac), that contains the elector’s electronic signature or a copy of the elector’s original written signature, or the signature of a person the elector authorizes to sign on the elector’s behalf under par. (ag) or sub. (3) (a). The clerk shall retain each absentee ballot application until destruction is authorized under s. 7.23 (1). A municipal clerk issuing an absentee ballot contrary to this subdivision is guilty of a Class I felony.

2. Except as authorized in s. 6.79 (6) and (7), if a qualified elector applies for an absentee ballot in person at the clerk’s office, the clerk shall not issue the elector an absentee ballot unless the elector presents proof of identification. The clerk shall verify that the name on the proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the elector’s application and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document reasonably resembles the elector. The clerk shall then enter his or her initials on the certificate envelope indicating that the absentee elector presented proof of identification to the clerk.

SECTION 9. 6.86 (1) (as) of the statutes is created to read:
6.86 (1) (as) The absentee ballot application form and instructions shall be prescribed by the commission and shall be separate and distinct from the certificate envelope prescribed in s. 6.87 (2). The application shall require the elector to certify facts establishing that he or she is qualified to vote in the election at the municipality of his or her legal voting residence and shall include at least all of the following information:

1. The elector’s municipality and county of residence.
2. The elector’s name, date of birth, and contact information, including as applicable the elector’s telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address.
3. The street address of the elector’s legal voting residence.
4. The election at which the elector intends to vote absentee.
5. Whether the elector is a military or overseas elector.
6. The elector’s confidential identification serial number if the elector has obtained a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2).
7. The lawful method by which the elector prefers to receive the absentee ballot.
8. Whether the elector is hospitalized for purposes of sub. (3).

SECTION 10. 6.86 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 (2m) (a) Except as provided in this subsection, any elector other than an elector who receives an absentee ballot under sub. (2) or s. 6.22 (4) or 6.24 (4) (c) may by written application filed with the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides require that an absentee ballot be sent to the elector automatically for every a primary and its associated election that is held within the same calendar year in which the application is filed. An elector must submit a separate application for each primary and the election associated with that primary, and the application shall specify the primary and election to which the application applies. The application
form and instructions shall be prescribed by the commission, and furnished upon
request to any elector by each municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall thereupon
mail an absentee ballot to the elector for all elections that are held in the municipality
during the same calendar year that the application is filed the primary and election
to which the application applies, except that the clerk shall not send an absentee
ballot for an election if the elector’s name appeared on the registration list in eligible
status for a previous election following the date of the application but no longer
appears on the list in eligible status. The municipal clerk shall ensure that any
envelope containing the absentee ballot is clearly marked as not forwardable. If an
elector who files an application under this subsection no longer resides at the same
address that is indicated on the application form, the elector shall so notify the
municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall discontinue mailing absentee ballots may
not mail an absentee ballot to an elector under this subsection upon receipt of reliable
information that the elector no longer qualifies as an elector of the municipality. In
addition, the municipal clerk shall discontinue mailing absentee ballots may not
mail an absentee ballot to an elector under this subsection for the election specified
in the elector’s application if the elector fails to return any the absentee ballot mailed
to the elector. The municipal clerk shall notify the elector of any such action not
taken at the elector’s request within 5 days, if possible. An elector who fails to cast
an absentee ballot but who remains qualified to receive absentee ballots under this
subsection may then receive absentee ballots for subsequent elections by notifying
the municipal clerk that the elector wishes to continue receiving absentee ballots for
subsequent elections for the primary specified in the elector’s application.

SECTION 11. 6.86 (8) of the statutes is created to read:
6.86 (8) (a) No municipal or county clerk or municipal or county board of
election commissioners, and no person acting on behalf of the commission, may send
or transmit an absentee ballot application or an absentee ballot to an elector for
voting in an election unless the elector applies for the application or ballot as
provided by law.

(b) No committee, as defined in s. 11.0101 (6), may send or transmit an absentee
ballot application to an elector that contains a return address for the application
other than the address of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of
the municipality where the elector is registered to vote.

SECTION 12. 6.87 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 (1) Upon proper request made within the period prescribed in s. 6.86, the
municipal clerk or a deputy clerk authorized by the municipal clerk shall write on
the official ballot, in the space for official endorsement, the clerk’s initials, which may
not be preprinted or stamped, and official title. Unless application is made in person
under s. 6.86 (1) (ar), the absent elector is exempted from providing proof of
identification under sub. (4) (b) 2. or 3., or the applicant is a military or overseas
elector, the absent elector shall enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification or
any authorized substitute document with his or her application. The municipal clerk
shall verify that the name on the proof of identification conforms to the name on the
application. The clerk shall not issue an absentee ballot to an elector who is required
to enclose a copy of proof of identification or an authorized substitute document with
his or her application unless the copy is enclosed and the proof is verified by the clerk.

SECTION 13. 6.87 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 (2) (intro.) Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk
shall place the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The envelope
shall have the name, official title and post-office address of the clerk upon its face.

The other side of the envelope shall have a printed certificate which shall include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter write his or her initials indicating that if the absentee elector voted in person under s. 6.86 (1) (ar), the elector presented proof of identification to the clerk and the clerk verified the proof presented. The certificate shall also include a space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter write his or her initials indicating that the elector is exempt from providing proof of identification because the individual is a military elector or an overseas elector who does not qualify as a resident of this state under s. 6.10 or is exempted from providing proof of identification under sub. (4) (b) 2. or 3. The certificate shall be in substantially the following form:

**SECTION 14.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, an elector voting absentee, other than a military elector or an overseas elector, shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult U.S. citizen. A military elector or an overseas elector voting absentee, regardless of whether the elector qualifies as a resident of this state under s. 6.10, shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult but who need not be a U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document enclosed
by the elector under this subdivision does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope. Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registered by mail or by electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state. If the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request which bears an original written signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, by the elector, a member of the elector’s immediate family, or the elector’s legal guardian to the office of the municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots; to the municipal clerk at an alternate absentee ballot site under s. 6.855; or to the elector’s polling place on election day. The elector may also designate, in writing, one person who is registered to vote in this state to deliver the return envelope as provided in this subdivision, except that the elector may not designate a candidate on the ballot nor compensate the person to deliver the envelope. No person designated to deliver a return envelope may deliver more than 2 envelopes for any election for persons who are not members of the person’s immediate family. If the envelope is mailed from a location outside the United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector’s votes are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for
candidates in the primary. In this subdivision, “immediate family” means persons
who are related as spouses, as siblings, as parent and child, or as a grandparent or
grandchild. For purposes of this subdivision, the return of an envelope by mail
includes the return of an envelope by a for-profit commercial delivery service moving
parcels nationally and internationally.

SECTION 15. 6.87 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 (4) (b) 2. Unless subd. 3. applies, if the absentee elector has applied for
and qualified to receive absentee ballots automatically under s. 6.86 (2) (a), the
elector may, in lieu of providing proof of identification, submit with his or her
absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who witnesses voting of
the ballot which contains the name and address of the elector and verifies that the
name and address are correct.

SECTION 16. 6.87 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 17. 6.87 (4) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 (4) (b) 5. Unless subd. 3. or 4. applies, if the absentee elector resides in a
qualified retirement home, as defined in s. 6.875 (1) (at), or a residential care facility,
as defined in s. 6.875 (1) (bm), and the municipal clerk or board of election
commissioners of the municipality where the facility or home is located does not send
special voting deputies to visit the facility or home at the election under s. 6.875, the
elector may, in lieu of providing proof of identification, submit with his or her
absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who witnesses voting of
the ballot that contains the certification of an authorized representative of the
facility or home that the elector resides in the facility or home and the facility or home
is certified or registered as required by law, that contains the name and address of
the elector, and that verifies that the name and address are correct.
SECTION 18. 12.13 (3) (md) of the statutes is created to read:

12.13 (3) (md) Obtain a marked absentee ballot from another person in order to deliver it to the proper municipal clerk or polling place, unless the person obtaining the ballot is a member of the elector's immediate family, the elector's legal guardian, or a person designated to deliver the ballot under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 1. In this paragraph, “immediate family” means persons who are related as spouses, as siblings, as parent and child, or as a grandparent or grandchild.

SECTION 19. 12.60 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12.60 (1) (a) Whoever violates s. 12.09, 12.11 or 12.13 (1), (2) (b) 1. to 7. or (3) (a), (e), (f), (j), (k), (L), (m), (md), (y) or (z) is guilty of a Class I felony.

SECTION 20. Initial applicability.

(1) ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS. The treatment of s. 6.30 (5) first applies to electronic registrations initiated or updated on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 21. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS. The treatment of s. 6.30 (5) and SECTION 20 (1) of this act take effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

(END)