



## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 597

October 31, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives EMERSON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, BARE, GOYKE, BALDEH, MYERS, JACOBSON, SUBECK, CONSIDINE, CONLEY, RATCLIFF, C. ANDERSON, J. ANDERSON, ORTIZ-VELEZ, JOERS, PALMERI, MADISON and CLANCY, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR, SPREITZER, LARSON, HESSELBEIN and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Corrections.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 6.876 of the statutes; **relating to:** establishing a plan to  
2             register qualified electors who are detained in jail and to allow the electors to  
3             vote while detained.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires that the sheriff of each county in this state establish a plan to allow qualified voters who are detained in jail or a county house of correction to register to vote and to vote at an election by absentee ballot. The bill requires the sheriff to establish the plan with assistance from the municipal clerk of the municipality where the jail or house of correction is located.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 6.876 of the statutes is created to read:  
5             **6.876 Registration and absentee voting while detained.** The sheriff of  
6             each county in this state shall establish a plan to facilitate the ability of qualified  
7             electors who are detained in a jail, as defined in s. 302.30, or a county house of  
8             correction to register to vote and to vote at an election by absentee ballot. The sheriff

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**SECTION 1**

1 shall establish the plan with assistance from the municipal clerk of the municipality  
2 where the jail or house of correction is located. The sheriff shall file the plan with  
3 the municipal clerk and the elections commission in a manner determined by the  
4 clerk and the commission.

5 (END)