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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 134

Assembly Bill 134 (the bill) delays the effective date of certain provisions of 2023 Wisconsin Act 126 from July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2027. 2023 Wisconsin Act 126 contains provisions relating to campaign registration and finance reporting and provisions relating to the protection of election officials.

The provisions relating to campaign registration and finance reporting require all committees, political parties, and conduits to register with, and submit campaign finance reports to, the Ethics Commission through the commission's campaign finance information system.

The provisions relating to the protection of election officials include protecting from public access any records that contain the personally identifiable information of election officials or election registration officials other than the official's name and city and state of residence, creating a felony for intentionally causing bodily harm to a clerk or election official, and providing whistleblower protections for, and prohibiting employment discrimination against, a municipal clerk, county clerk, or election official who lawfully reported, or is believed to have reported, witnessing what the clerk or election official reasonably believed to be election fraud or irregularities.

The bill delays the effective date of the provisions relating to campaign registration and finance reporting, but does not delay the effective date of the provisions relating to the protection of election officials.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 modifies the provision relating to protecting from public access any records that contain the personally identifiable information of election officials or election registration officials other than the official's name and city and state of residence. Under the amendment, the provision applies to a current or former election or registration official who submits a written request for confidentiality to the authority who is the custodian of the record.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 2 was introduced on May 6, 2025 by Representative Krug. On May 6, 2025, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, unanimously.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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