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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2025 Assembly Bill 374**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### 2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 374

2025 Assembly Bill 374 establishes or modifies deadlines relating to canvassing, certifying, and recounting ballots cast in a presidential election and requires the certified slate of presidential electors to meet on the date specified in federal law. The bill does all of the following:

- Shortens the deadlines for municipalities and counties to begin and to complete canvassing in a presidential election.
- Establishes procedures for the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) to follow should canvassing deadlines fail to be met in a presidential election.
- Requires the Governor to transmit a certificate of ascertainment of appointment of presidential electors to the archivist of the United States no later than six days before the meeting of the state's presidential electors and in the manner prescribed by federal law.
- Requires the Governor to deliver six duplicates of the original certificate of ascertainment to one of the state's presidential electors no later than the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December, replacing the requirement under current law that the delivery occur by the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December.
- Requires the state's electors for President and Vice President to meet at the State Capitol at noon on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December, replacing the requirement under current law that the electors meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December.
- Requires the WEC chair to complete the state canvass of election results no later than 16 days after a presidential election.
- Requires WEC, when receiving a valid petition for a recount in a presidential election, to immediately order the proper county board of canvassers to commence the recount.
- Requires a county board of canvassers to commence a recount no later than 9 a.m. on the second day after receiving an order; under the bill, a county board of canvassers may not adjourn until the recount is complete in the county, except to the extent permitted by WEC.
- Requires a candidate who did not request a partial recount to petition for an additional partial or full recount no later than 5 p.m. on the day after the original petition for recount was filed and requires the proper county board of canvassers to reconvene the next business day.
- Requires a candidate who wishes to appeal a recount of a presidential election to file the appeal in a circuit court within one business day after the recount is completed. The bill also requires the court to make a determination on the appeal no later than seven days after the day on which the appeal is filed.

- Requires a candidate who wishes to appeal a circuit court order to file the appeal with the Wisconsin Supreme Court no later than the day after the circuit court issues its order. The bill also requires the Wisconsin Supreme Court to resolve such appeals as soon as possible.
- Directs the Governor to update the certificate of the election results, pursuant to an order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, if the Court issues the order no later than 4 p.m. on the day before the date on which the presidential electors are to convene. The bill also establishes expedited procedures for a recount in a presidential election that is not complete by the sixth day before the date on which the presidential electors are to convene.

## **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 shortens some deadlines in the bill and extends others. The amendment shortens the deadline for a voter to correct his or her provisional ballot from 4 p.m. to noon on the Friday following a presidential election and requires municipalities to begin canvassing by noon the Friday following a presidential election; extends by one day the deadline for counties to deliver statements of canvass to WEC; extends by five days the deadline for WEC to certify the election; extends by one day the deadline to convene a recount; and extends by four days the deadline to finish a partial or full recount.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Krug offered Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 374 on October 31, 2025. On November 4, 2025, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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