

1977 Assembly Bill 1031

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AN ACT to renumber and amend 6.33 (2); to amend 6.28 (1) and 6.33 (1); and to create 6.28 (3) and 6.33 (2) (b) of the statutes, relating to registration to vote with identification card issuing officers.

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

SECTION 1. 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.28 (1) Registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s. 6.30 (4) must be postmarked no later than the 2nd Wednesday preceding the election. All

applications for registry corrections and additions may be made throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the office of the municipal clerk, at the office of any issuing officer under s. 66.057 (2) (e) or at other locations provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities of the 1st class or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council, village or town board in all other municipalities and may also be made during the school year at any high school. ~~Such other by qualified persons under sub. (2) (a).~~ Other registration locations may include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks and savings and loan institutions. The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall appoint special registration deputies for all locations. Any elector may be appointed as a qualified special registration deputy.

SECTION 2. 6.28 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

6.28 (3) AT OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS. Any person who makes application for an identification card under s. 66.057 and who resides in a municipality requiring registration of electors shall be given an opportunity to register to vote at the same time by the issuing officer under s. 66.057. An applicant may fill out the required registration affidavit form under s. 6.33. The officer shall administer the oath upon request of any elector without compensation. Upon receipt of a completed form, the issuing officer shall forward the form within 5 days to the appropriate municipal clerk, or to the board of election commissioners in cities of the 1st class. The form shall be forwarded immediately whenever registration closes within 5 days of receipt.

SECTION 3. 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.33 (1) The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient registration affidavit forms as prescribed by the board to obtain from each applicant information as to name, date, residence location, citizenship, ~~whether 18 years of age, whether a resident of the applicant has resided within~~ the ward for at least 10 days, ~~whether he the applicant has lost his or her right to vote and shall provide~~ a space for the applicant's signature. Each issuing officer under s. 66.057 (2) (e) shall obtain sufficient registration affidavit forms at the expense of the unit of government by which he or she is employed for completion by any elector who desires to register to vote at the same time that he or she makes application for an identification card under s. 66.057.

SECTION 4. 6.33 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 6.33 (2) (a) and amended to read:

6.33 (2) (a) The information may be recorded by any person, but the elector applicant shall sign his or her own name or make a mark in lieu of a signature. Ward and aldermanic district information shall be filled in by the clerk.

SECTION 5. 6.33 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

6.33 (2) (b) The registration form shall be in the form of an affidavit and shall be sworn before the clerk, issuing officer or registration deputy, or before any other officer authorized to administer oaths, except that registrations which are authorized to be corroborated under s. 6.30 (4) or 6.55 (2) shall be certified by the applicant but need not be separately verified.
