

1987 Senate Bill 454

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1987 Wisconsin Act 392

AN ACT to create 17.275 of the statutes, relating to records of applicants to fill vacancies in elective offices.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative intent. Section 19.31 of the statutes declares that it is the policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. Section 19.35 (1) (a) of the statutes provides that substantive common law principles construing the right to inspect, to copy or to receive copies of public records shall govern access to those records. The legislature finds that this policy and these principles call for public access, at the least, to the names

and addresses of applicants for appointment to fill vacancies in elective offices. This act is intended to confirm the legislature's intent that the public is entitled to have access to these public records.

SECTION 2. 17.275 of the statutes is created to read:

17.275 Records of applicants for elective positions. No appointing authority or individual acting on behalf of an appointing authority may withhold from inspection or copying under s. 19.35 (1) any record of the name or address of an applicant for appointment to fill a vacancy in an elective office.
