

# State of Wisconsin



2013 Senate Bill 548

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## 2013 WISCONSIN ACT 149

AN ACT *to amend* 6.50 (1), 6.50 (2) and 6.50 (7); and *to create* 6.50 (2g) and 6.50 (2r) of the statutes; **relating to:** transferring responsibility over biennial updating of voter registration list to the Government Accountability Board.

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

**SECTION 1.** 6.50 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.50 (1) ~~Within 90 days~~ No later than June 15 following each general election, the ~~municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality~~ shall examine the registration records for each municipality and identify each elector who has not voted within the previous 4 years if qualified to do so during that entire period and shall mail a notice to the elector in substantially the following form:

**“NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION**

You are hereby notified that your voter registration will be suspended, according to state law, for failure to vote within the previous 4-year period, unless you apply for continuation of your registration within 30 days. You may continue your registration by signing the statement below and returning it to ~~this~~ the office of the municipal clerk .... (mailing address and telephone number of office of municipal clerk or board of election commissioners) by mail or in person.

**APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF REGISTRATION**

I hereby certify that I still reside at the address at which I am registered and apply for continuation of registration.

Signed ....

Present Address ....

If you have changed your residence within this municipality or changed your name, please contact ~~this~~ the office of the municipal clerk .... (mailing address and telephone number of office of municipal clerk or board of election commissioners) to complete a change of name or address form.

[Office of clerk or board of election commissioners  
Address  
Telephone]”.

**SECTION 2.** 6.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.50 (2) ~~The municipal clerk or~~ If an elector to whom a notice of suspension was mailed under sub. (1) has not applied for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date of mailing, the board of election commissioners shall change the registration status of all notified electors under sub. (1) ~~who have not applied for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date of mailing of the notice of suspension~~ that elector from eligible to ineligible status on the day that falls 30 days after the date of mailing.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

**SECTION 3.** 6.50 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

6.50 (2g) The board may delegate to a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of a municipality the responsibility to change the registration status of electors when required under sub. (2).

**SECTION 4.** 6.50 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

6.50 (2r) As soon as practicable, but no later than August 1 following the completion of the process under subs. (1) and (2), the board shall publish on its Internet site the following information obtained through that process:

- (a) The number of notices mailed under sub. (1).
- (b) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned to the board as undeliverable.
- (c) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned requesting continuation of registration.
- (d) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned requesting cancellation of registration.

(e) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were returned with an indication that the named elector is deceased.

(f) The number of notices described under par. (a) that were not returned.

(g) The number of electors who received notices under sub. (1) and whose status changed from eligible to ineligible.

(h) Any other information requested by the legislature or that the board considers relevant.

**SECTION 5.** 6.50 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.50 (7) When an elector's registration is changed from eligible to ineligible status, the board, municipal clerk, or board of election commissioners shall make an entry on the registration list, giving the date of and reason for the change.

**SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies with respect to elections held at least 60 days after the effective date of this subsection.

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