



**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 5,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 54**

November 14, 2013 – Offered by Representatives BARNES, RIEMER, KAHL, WACHS, JOHNSON, DOYLE, CLARK, HINTZ, BERCEAU, DANOU, RINGHAND, SMITH, HEBL, POPE, OHNSTAD, BERNARD SCHABER, WRIGHT, SARGENT, BILLINGS and PASCH.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 2: after “person” insert “, appointment and training of special
3 registration deputies by county clerks and boards of election commissioners, and
4 employment of special registration deputies”.

5 **2.** Page 1, line 3: before that line insert:

6 “**SECTION 1b.** 6.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.26 (2) (a) A qualified elector of the state may apply to any municipal clerk or
8 board of election commissioners to be appointed as a special registration deputy for
9 the purpose of registering electors of the municipality prior to the close of
10 registration. An applicant may be appointed by more than one municipal clerk or
11 board of election commissioners to serve more than one municipality. The term of
12 an appointment under this paragraph begins on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and
13 ends 2 years later on June 30 of the next odd-numbered year.

1 **SECTION 1c.** 6.26 (2) (an) of the statutes is created to read:

2 6.26 (2) (an) Any qualified elector of this state may apply to a county clerk or
3 board of election commissioners to be appointed as a special registration deputy for
4 the purpose of registering electors of the county prior to the close of registration. An
5 applicant may be appointed by more than one county clerk or board of election
6 commissioners to serve more than one county. The term of an appointment under
7 this paragraph begins on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and ends 2 years later on
8 June 30 of the next odd-numbered year.

9 **SECTION 1d.** 6.26 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.26 (2) (b) The municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners
11 may appoint any applicant who qualifies under this subsection, unless the
12 applicant's appointment has been revoked by a municipality or county for cause. The
13 municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners may revoke an
14 appointment made by the clerk or board of election commissioners for cause at any
15 time.

16 **SECTION 1e.** 6.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.26 (2) (c) ~~No~~ Except as authorized in par. (ce), no individual may serve as a
18 special registration deputy in a municipality unless the individual is appointed by
19 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality and the
20 individual completes training required under s. 7.315.

21 **SECTION 1f.** 6.26 (2) (ce) of the statutes is created to read:

22 6.26 (2) (ce) Except as authorized in par. (c), no individual may serve as a
23 special registration deputy in a county unless the individual is appointed by the
24 county clerk or board of election commissioners of the county and the individual
25 completes training required under s. 7.315.

1 **SECTION 1g.** 6.26 (2) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.26 (2) (cm) Each county and municipal clerk or board of election
3 commissioners shall maintain a record of the names and addresses of each individual
4 who is appointed by the clerk or board of election commissioners to serve as a special
5 registration deputy under this section and who has complied with the training
6 requirements for service as a special registration deputy under s. 7.315 (1) (b) 1.

7 **SECTION 1h.** 6.26 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.26 (3) The board shall, by rule, prescribe procedures for appointment of
9 special registration deputies, for revocation of appointments of special registration
10 deputies, and for training of special registration deputies by municipal and county
11 clerks and boards of election commissioners. The procedures shall be coordinated
12 with training programs for special registration deputies conducted by municipal and
13 county clerks and boards of election commissioners under s. 7.315 and shall be
14 formulated to promote increased registration of electors consistent with the needs
15 of municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners to efficiently administer the
16 registration process.”.

17 **3.** Page 1, line 3: delete “**SECTION 1**” and substitute “**SECTION 1m**”.

18 **4.** Page 2, line 25: after that line insert:

19 “**SECTION 1n.** 7.10 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 7.10 (9) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each county clerk shall assist the
21 board in the training of election officials under s. 5.05 (7) and shall provide training
22 to any special registration deputies appointed by the clerk under s. 6.26 (2) (an).

23 **SECTION 1p.** 7.315 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 7.315 (1) (a) The board shall, by rule, prescribe the contents of the training that
2 municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners must provide to inspectors,
3 other than chief inspectors, to special voting deputies appointed under s. 6.875, and
4 to special registration deputies appointed under ss. 6.26 and 6.55 (6). The board
5 shall, by rule, prescribe the contents of the training that county clerks and boards
6 of election commissioners must provide to special registration deputies appointed
7 under s. 6.26.

8 **SECTION 1q.** 7.315 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

9 7.315 (1) (am) A county clerk or board of election commissioners may delegate
10 responsibility for training of special registration deputies appointed under s. 6.26 to
11 any employee of the county clerk or board of election commissioners, to the municipal
12 clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners of any municipality
13 having territory within the county, or to any employee of such a municipal clerk or
14 board of election commissioners.

15 **SECTION 1r.** 7.315 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 7.315 (1) (b) 1. Each inspector other than a chief inspector and each special
17 voting deputy appointed under s. 6.875 and special registration deputy appointed
18 under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) shall view or attend at least one training program every 2
19 years. Except as provided in subd. 2., no individual may serve as an inspector, other
20 than a chief inspector, as a special voting deputy under s. 6.875, or as a special
21 registration deputy under s. ~~6.26 or~~ 6.55 (6) at any election unless the individual has
22 completed training for that election provided by the municipal clerk pursuant to
23 rules promulgated under par. (a) within 2 years of the date of the election. No
24 individual may serve as a special registration deputy under s. 6.26 at any election
25 unless the individual has completed training for that election provided by the

1 municipal or county clerk pursuant to rules promulgated under par. (a) within 2
2 years of the date of the election.

3 2. Only when an individual who has received training under subd. 1. is
4 unavailable to perform his or her election duties due to sickness, injury, or other
5 unforeseen occurrence may an individual who has not received training under subd.
6 1. be appointed to serve as an inspector, other than chief inspector, ~~or~~ a special voting
7 deputy, or a special registration deputy under s. 6.55 (6). The appointment of an
8 individual to serve under this subdivision shall be for a specific election and no
9 individual may be appointed under this subdivision more than one time in a 2-year
10 period.

11 **SECTION 1s. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) (a) Prior to the effective date of rules initially promulgated by the
13 Government Accountability Board under section 6.26 (3) of the statutes, as affected
14 by this act, county clerks and boards of election commissioners shall provide to
15 special registration deputies whom they appoint under section 6.26 of the statutes,
16 as affected by this act, the same training that was required for deputies appointed
17 under that section immediately before the effective date of this paragraph and shall
18 follow the same procedures for appointment and revocation of appointments of those
19 deputies as applied under that section immediately before the effective date of this
20 paragraph, except as otherwise required by law.

21 (b) Prior to the effective date of rules initially promulgated by the Government
22 Accountability Board under section 7.315 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this
23 act, county clerks and boards of election commissioners shall provide to special
24 registration deputies whom they appoint under section 6.26 of the statutes, as
25 affected by this act, the same training that was required for deputies appointed

1 under that section immediately before the effective date of this paragraph, except as
2 otherwise required by law.”.

3 (END)