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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 295**

February 16, 2016 - Offered by Representatives BERCEAU, ZAMARRIPA and KESSLER.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 5.056, 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.28 (1), 6.30 (1), 6.32, 6.33 (1),  
2           6.33 (2) (a), 6.34 (2), 6.35 (1) (intro.), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 1., 6.40 (1) (c), 6.50  
3           (10), 6.55 (2) (d), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 7.08 (1) (c), 85.61 (1) and 343.027;  
4     **to repeal and recreate** 5.056, 6.24 (3), 6.30 (5), 6.32, 6.33 (1), 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2),  
5           7.08 (1) (c), 85.61 (1) and 343.027; and **to create** 6.30 (5), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (4) and  
6           6.35 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** electronic voter registration, verification  
7           of certain registrations, and proof of residence for voting in an election and  
8           granting rule-making authority.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Currently, a qualified elector may register to vote at any election by mail, in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality or county where the elector resides, or by completing a registration form with a special registration deputy no later than the 20th day before the election. A qualified elector may also register to vote at an election in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality where the elector resides no later than 5 p.m. on

the Friday before the election. In order to register, an elector must provide his or her name and address and certain other information required to ascertain his or her eligibility and must sign the form. An elector must also provide proof of residence. Currently, the clerk or board of election commissioners must verify each registration received by mail or submitted by a special registration deputy by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

This substitute amendment permits a qualified elector who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by the Government Accountability Board (GAB). The substitute amendment requires an electronic registration to be completed no later than the 20th day before an election in order to be valid for that election. Under the substitute amendment, a qualified elector enters the same information that appears on the current registration form and authorizes DOT to forward a copy of his or her electronic signature to GAB. The authorization affirms that all information provided by the elector is correct and has the same effect as if the elector signed the form personally. If an elector does not have a current and valid driver's license or identification card, the elector may complete an electronic registration by uploading a copy of the elector's signature and providing the last four digits of the elector's social security number, except that the elector may check a box on the electronic application attesting to the accuracy of the information contained in the application instead of uploading his or her signature. An eligible elector who does not have a driver's license or identification card must also upload a copy of his or her proof of residence. The substitute amendment also permits an elector who is currently registered to vote to electronically enter a change of name or address using a similar procedure. In accordance with the existing procedure for verifying registrations that are not received at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the substitute amendment provides that when an electronic registration is received, GAB or the clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of residence must verify each electronic registration by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

Currently, each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners must maintain a file of voter registration forms for the electors of the municipality. This substitute amendment provides that the clerk or board must maintain registrations that are entered electronically in the manner prescribed by GAB, by rule.

The changes first apply with respect to registration for voting at the first spring or partisan primary election that follows the day on which the substitute amendment becomes law by at least six months.

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

1           **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The  
2 administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement  
3 with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally  
4 identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board  
5 under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally  
6 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation.

7           **SECTION 2.** 5.056 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 118 and  
8 .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

9           **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The  
10 commission administrator shall enter into the agreement with the secretary of  
11 transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally identifiable  
12 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.  
13 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable  
14 information maintained by the department of transportation.

15           **SECTION 3.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           **6.24 (3) REGISTRATION.** The overseas elector shall register in the municipality  
17 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector's parent was last  
18 domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector's  
19 qualifications under this section. The form shall be substantially similar to the  
20 original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable. Registration shall be  
21 accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

22           **SECTION 4.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
23 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

24           **6.24 (3) REGISTRATION.** The overseas elector shall register in the municipality  
25 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector's parent was last

1 domiciled on a form prescribed by the commission designed to ascertain the elector's  
2 qualifications under this section. The commission shall ensure that the form is  
3 substantially similar to the original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable.  
4 Registration shall be accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

5 **SECTION 5.** 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.275 (1) (b) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that  
7 county who were preregistered on the deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1), including valid  
8 mail registrations which are postmarked by that day and valid electronic  
9 registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5).

10 **SECTION 6.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,  
12 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.  
13 on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s.  
14 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later  
15 than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic registration for an  
16 election under s. 6.30 (5) shall close at midnight on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the  
17 election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made  
18 throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the  
19 office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations  
20 provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over  
21 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,  
22 village or town board in all other municipalities. Other registration locations may  
23 include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions  
24 of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,  
25 savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall

1 be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the  
2 board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An  
3 elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at  
4 the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

5 **SECTION 7.** 6.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.30 (1) **IN PERSON.** An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as  
7 provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

8 **SECTION 8.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.30 (5) **BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION.** Any eligible elector may register  
10 electronically in the manner prescribed by the board. The board shall maintain on  
11 the Internet a secure registration form that enables the elector to enter the  
12 information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically. The form shall contain an  
13 authorization for the board to obtain from the department of transportation an  
14 electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature shall constitute an  
15 affirmation that all information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the  
16 same effect as if the applicant had signed the application personally. Upon submittal  
17 of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from the department of  
18 transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the applicant and shall integrate  
19 the signature into the applicant's electronic application. If an eligible elector does  
20 not hold a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and  
21 valid identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector shall upload a copy of the  
22 elector's signature to the registration form and provide on the registration form the  
23 last 4 digits of the elector's social security number, except that an eligible elector may  
24 check a box on the electronic application attesting to the accuracy of the information  
25 contained in the application instead of uploading his or her signature. An eligible

1 elector who does not hold a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343  
2 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 shall also upload to  
3 the registration form a copy of his or her identifying document to establish proof of  
4 residence, as provided under s. 6.34. The board shall maintain the electronically  
5 integrated application on file together with nonelectronic applications and shall  
6 notify the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality  
7 where the applicant resides of its receipt of each completed application. The board  
8 shall also permit any elector to make changes in his or her registration authorized  
9 under s. 6.40 (1) at the same Internet site that is used by electors for original  
10 registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness of any  
11 changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information entered  
12 on an application for original registration.

13 **SECTION 9.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act ... (this  
14 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

15 **6.30 (5) BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION.** Any eligible elector may register  
16 electronically in the manner prescribed by the commission. The commission shall  
17 maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that enables the elector to enter  
18 the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically. The form shall contain an  
19 authorization for the commission to obtain from the department of transportation an  
20 electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature shall constitute an  
21 affirmation that all information provided by the elector is correct and shall have the  
22 same effect as if the applicant had signed the application personally. Upon submittal  
23 of the electronic application, the commission shall obtain from the department of  
24 transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the applicant and shall integrate  
25 the signature into the applicant's electronic application. If an eligible elector does

1 not hold a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and  
2 valid identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector shall upload a copy of the  
3 elector's signature to the registration form and provide on the registration form the  
4 last 4 digits of the elector's social security number, except that an eligible elector may  
5 check a box on the electronic application attesting to the accuracy of the information  
6 contained in the application instead of uploading his or her signature. An eligible  
7 elector who does not hold a current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343  
8 or a current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50 shall also upload to  
9 the registration form a copy of his or her identifying document to establish proof of  
10 residence, as provided under s. 6.34. The commission shall maintain the  
11 electronically integrated application on file together with nonelectronic applications  
12 and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the  
13 municipality where the applicant resides of its receipt of each completed application.  
14 The commission shall also permit any elector to make changes in his or her  
15 registration authorized under s. 6.40 (1) at the same Internet site that is used by  
16 electors for original registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the  
17 correctness of any changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for  
18 information entered on an application for original registration.

19 **SECTION 10.** 6.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **6.32 Verification of certain registrations.** (1) Upon receipt of a  
21 registration form that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) or by electronic  
22 application under s. 6.30 (5) or that is submitted by a special registration deputy  
23 appointed under s. 6.26, the board or municipal clerk shall examine the form for  
24 sufficiency.

1           (2) If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the board or clerk  
2 knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the board  
3 or clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that  
4 the elector appear at the clerk's office or ~~other~~ another registration center location  
5 to complete a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.

6           (3) If the form is submitted later than the close of registration, the board or  
7 clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or she may register  
8 at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or other location  
9 designated under s. 6.55 (2).

10           (4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the board or clerk has  
11 no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the  
12 board or clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a  
13 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward ~~or~~ and  
14 aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall be  
15 sent within 10 days of receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or if  
16 the board or clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified by the  
17 elector, the board or clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from  
18 eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal  
19 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the board or clerk if the elector does  
20 not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

21           **SECTION 11.** 6.32 of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this act),  
22 is repealed and recreated to read:

23           **6.32 Verification of certain registrations.** (1) Upon receipt of a  
24 registration form that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) or by electronic  
25 application under s. 6.30 (5) or that is submitted by a special registration deputy



1 appointed under s. 6.26, the commission or municipal clerk shall examine the form  
2 for sufficiency.

3 (2) If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the commission or  
4 clerk knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the  
5 commission or clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and  
6 request that the elector appear at the clerk's office or another registration location  
7 to complete a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.

8 (3) If the form is submitted later than the close of registration, the commission  
9 or clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or she may register  
10 at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or other location  
11 designated under s. 6.55 (2).

12 (4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the commission or  
13 clerk has no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified,  
14 the commission or clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and  
15 transmit a 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward  
16 and aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall  
17 be sent within 10 days of receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or  
18 if the commission or clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified  
19 by the elector, the commission or clerk shall change the status of the elector on the  
20 list from eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance  
21 with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the commission or clerk  
22 if the elector does not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

23 **SECTION 12.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.33 (1) The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration  
25 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information

1 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as otherwise  
2 provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as  
3 nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter  
4 registration needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from each applicant  
5 information as to name; date; residence location; location of previous residence  
6 immediately before moving to current residence location; citizenship; date of birth;  
7 age; the number of a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under  
8 ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number; whether  
9 the applicant has resided within the ward or election district for ~~at least 28~~ the  
10 number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the applicant has been  
11 convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether  
12 the applicant is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision;  
13 whether the applicant is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether  
14 the applicant is currently registered to vote at any other location. The Except as  
15 provided in s. 6.30 (5), the form shall include a space for the applicant's signature.  
16 Below the space for the signature, the form shall state "Falsification of information  
17 on this form is punishable under Wisconsin law as a Class I felony.". The form shall  
18 include a space to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or  
19 6.55 (6) or inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains  
20 the form and a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her  
21 name, affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the  
22 form. The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district,  
23 if any, where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the  
24 offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The form shall also  
25 include a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is

1 received by mail or by electronic application, a space where the clerk shall record an  
2 indication of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of  
3 residence under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof  
4 of residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), the name of the entity or institution that  
5 issued the identifying document, and, if the identifying document includes a number  
6 that applies only to the individual holding that document, that number. The form  
7 shall also include a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid  
8 voting identification card issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the  
9 identification serial number appearing on the voting identification card. Each  
10 county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration forms for completion by an elector  
11 who desires to register to vote at the office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

12 **SECTION 13.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act ... (this  
13 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

14 6.33 (1) The commission shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of  
15 registration forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item  
16 of information shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the commission. Except  
17 as otherwise provided in this subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same  
18 information as nonelectronic forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient  
19 forms to meet voter registration needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from  
20 each applicant information as to name; date; residence location; location of previous  
21 residence immediately before moving to current residence location; citizenship; date  
22 of birth; age; the number of a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector  
23 under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number;  
24 whether the applicant has resided within the ward or election district for the number  
25 of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the applicant has been convicted

1 of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant  
2 is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the  
3 applicant is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant  
4 is currently registered to vote at any other location. Except as provided in s. 6.30 (5),  
5 the form shall include a space for the applicant's signature. Below the space for the  
6 signature, the form shall state "Falsification of information on this form is  
7 punishable under Wisconsin law as a Class I felony.". The form shall include a space  
8 to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or  
9 inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and  
10 a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name,  
11 affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form.  
12 The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district, if any,  
13 where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the offices  
14 and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The form shall also include  
15 a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by  
16 mail or by electronic application, a space where the clerk shall record an indication  
17 of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence  
18 under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof of  
19 residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), the name of the entity or institution that  
20 issued the identifying document, and, if the identifying document includes a number  
21 that applies only to the individual holding that document, that number. The form  
22 shall also include a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid  
23 voting identification card issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the  
24 identification serial number appearing on the voting identification card. Each

1 county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration forms for completion by an elector  
2 who desires to register to vote at the office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

3 **SECTION 14.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward  
5 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the  
6 indication of whether the registration is received by mail or by electronic application,  
7 the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under  
8 s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof of residence was  
9 verified under s. 6.34 (2m), and any information relating to an applicant's voting  
10 identification card shall be recorded by the clerk. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in s. 6.30  
11 (5), each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is unable to  
12 sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant may  
13 authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant so  
14 authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the  
15 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is  
16 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

17 **SECTION 15.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.34 (2) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon completion of a registration  
19 form prescribed under s. 6.33, each eligible elector who is required to register under  
20 s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector, shall provide an  
21 identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). If the elector  
22 registered by mail or by electronic application, the identifying document may not be  
23 a residential lease.

24 **SECTION 16.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

1           6.34 (2m) An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)  
2 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of  
3 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license  
4 issued under ch. 343 together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board  
5 is able to verify the information using the system maintained under sub. (4).

6           **SECTION 17.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

7           6.34 (4) The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an  
8 instant basis, information submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m),  
9 using the information maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to  
10 the board's agreement with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1).

11           **SECTION 18.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
12 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

13           6.34 (4) The commission shall maintain a system that electronically verifies,  
14 on an instant basis, information submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub.  
15 (2m), using the information maintained by the department of transportation  
16 pursuant to the commission's agreement with the secretary of transportation under  
17 s. 85.61 (1).

18           **SECTION 19.** 6.35 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           6.35 (1) (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election  
20 commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following  
21 ways, except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (1m) and (2):

22           **SECTION 20.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

23           6.35 (2) The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which  
24 municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of  
25 registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

1           **SECTION 21.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
2 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

3           **6.35 (2)** The commission shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods  
4 by which municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain  
5 records of registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

6           **SECTION 22.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           **6.36 (2) (c)** The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication  
8 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted  
9 to vote. If proof of residence is provided, the type of identifying document submitted  
10 by the elector and the name of the entity or institution that issued the identifying  
11 document, or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof of residence  
12 was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), shall be entered on the list in the space provided.  
13 Proof Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if the elector  
14 is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registers by mail or by  
15 electronic application and has not previously voted in an election in this state.

16           **SECTION 23.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17           **6.40 (1) (a) 1.** Any registered elector may transfer registration after a change  
18 of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk of the  
19 municipality where the elector resides or by mailing to the municipal clerk a signed  
20 request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be his or her  
21 residence for ~~28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1) prior to the  
22 election, and providing the address where he or she was last registered.  
23 Alternatively, the elector may transfer his or her registration at the proper polling  
24 place or other registration location under s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a),  
25 or the elector may transfer his or her registration electronically under s. 6.30 (5). If

1 an elector is voting in the ward or election district where the elector formerly resided,  
2 the change shall be effective for the next election.

3 **SECTION 24.** 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.40 (1) (c) *Name change.* Whenever an elector's name is legally changed,  
5 including a change by marriage or divorce, the elector shall transfer his or her  
6 registration to his or her legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the  
7 municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name.  
8 Alternatively, a registered elector may make notification of a name change at his or  
9 her polling place under s. 6.55 (2) (d), or the elector may make notification of a name  
10 change electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

11 **SECTION 25.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to  
13 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29  
14 (2), 6.30 (5), or 6.55 (2).

15 **SECTION 26.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 6.55 (2) (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides  
17 at the same address, and has not notified the municipal clerk previously provided  
18 notice of the change under s. 6.40 (1) (c), shall notify the inspector of the change  
19 before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when  
20 materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and  
21 address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location  
22 under pars. (a) and (b).

23 **SECTION 27.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form  
25 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier



1 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.  
2 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by  
3 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by  
4 absentee ballot. If Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), if the elector is registering for  
5 the election after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail or by  
6 electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state, the municipal  
7 clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the  
8 elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope with the ballot.  
9 The clerk shall verify that the name on any required proof of identification presented  
10 by the agent conforms to the name on the elector's application. The clerk shall then  
11 enter his or her initials on the carrier envelope indicating that the agent presented  
12 proof of identification to the clerk. The agent is not required to enter a signature on  
13 the registration list. The ballot shall be sealed by the elector and returned to the  
14 municipal clerk either by mail or by personal delivery of the agent; but if the ballot  
15 is returned on the day of the election, the agent shall make personal delivery to the  
16 polling place serving the hospitalized elector's residence before the closing hour or,  
17 in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the  
18 municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

19 **SECTION 28.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting  
21 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an  
22 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the  
23 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector  
24 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and  
25 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper

1 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the  
2 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the  
3 proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document  
4 enclosed by the elector under this subdivision does not constitute proof of residence  
5 under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the  
6 envelope. Proof Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if  
7 the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registered  
8 by mail or by electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state. If  
9 the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail  
10 under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request  
11 which bears an original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance  
12 under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be  
13 a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to  
14 the municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a  
15 location outside the United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the  
16 ballot qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an  
17 unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes  
18 are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot  
19 prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary  
20 which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by  
21 the elector for candidates in the primary.

22 **SECTION 29.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33  
24 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms  
25 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration

1 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the  
2 board.

3 **SECTION 30.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...  
4 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33  
6 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such forms  
7 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration  
8 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the  
9 commission.

10 **SECTION 31.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
12 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to  
13 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained  
14 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information  
15 specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information in the operating  
16 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to  
17 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator  
18 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy  
19 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

20 **SECTION 32.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 118  
21 and ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

22 85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
23 commission shall enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable  
24 information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s.  
25 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable

1 information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle  
2 registration records under ch. 341 to the extent required to enable the secretary of  
3 transportation and the administrator of the elections commission to verify the  
4 accuracy of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

5 **SECTION 33.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this  
7 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except  
8 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the  
9 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting  
10 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the  
11 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a  
12 court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney,  
13 law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

14 **SECTION 34.** 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
15 act), is repealed and recreated to read:

16 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this  
17 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except  
18 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the  
19 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting  
20 debt, to the elections commission, in electronic or digital format, for the purposes  
21 specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a court, district  
22 attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney, law enforcement  
23 agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

24 **SECTION 35. Nonstatutory provisions.**

