



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 27
[2005 Assembly Bill 61]

**Residency of Certain
Election Officials**

Under current law, an election official is required to be a resident of the municipality in which the official serves. Also, with some exceptions, an election official at a polling place must be a qualified elector of the ward or election district for which the polling place is established. Exceptions to this latter requirement include:

- A 16- or 17-year old high school student may be a poll worker at the polling place serving his or her residence.
- Special registration deputies who register electors on election day at the polls may be appointed to serve at any polling place within the municipality.
- Poll workers may be reassigned to serve at another polling place within the municipality to assure adequate staffing.
- Election officials may be appointed to serve at a polling place that serves multiple wards.
- Election officials may be appointed to fill a vacancy at a polling place in another ward.

2005 Wisconsin Act 27 provides that a municipal clerk or director of a municipal board of election commissioners, or a deputy of either of these officials, may be appointed to serve as a special registration deputy to register electors at the polls on election day, or may be appointed to fill a poll worker vacancy, even if such official is not a resident of the municipality. However, under the Act, the official must be a resident of the state and no more than two such individuals may be appointed to such positions in a municipality.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on August 27, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.