

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2007 Wisconsin Act 52 [2007 Assembly Bill 295]

## Public Access to Voter Registration Identification Numbers

Under *current law*, the Government Accountability Board (board) assigns a unique registration identification number to each elector on the official statewide voter registration list. Current law also provides that no person other than an employee of the board, a municipal clerk, a deputy clerk, an executive director of a city board of election commissioners, or a deputy designated by the executive director may view the date of birth, *registration identification number*, operator's license number, or Social Security account number of an elector, the address of an elector to whom an identification serial number is issued, or any indication of an accommodation to permit voting by an elector.

2007 Wisconsin Act 52 removes the registration identification number from the list of confidential information, thus making registration identification numbers accessible to the public. The Act also provides that, in addition to the persons authorized under current law to view confidential information, the following persons are also authorized to view the information: a county clerk, a deputy county clerk, an executive director of a county board of election commissioners, and a deputy designated by the executive director. Lastly, the Act replaces "deputy clerk" under current law with "deputy municipal clerk."

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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/.