



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 40

**Assembly Amendment 1,
Assembly Amendment 1 to
Assembly Amendment 1, and
Assembly Amendments 2,
3 and 4**

Memo published: February 6, 2001

Contact: Robert J. Conlin, Senior Staff Attorney (266-2298)

Current law requires the Elections Board and municipal clerks to provide training and instruction to election officials.

Assembly Bill 40 directs the Elections Board to prepare recommendations with regard to establishing a program for the training and certification of election officials. The Elections Board must submit the recommendations to the Legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees of both houses by April 16, 2001.

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the current law that allows state employees to take leave to serve as an election official without loss of pay, fringe benefits or seniority, to provide that it applies automatically to represented state employees, unless otherwise provided in the collective bargaining agreement. Additionally, the amendment provides that a local governmental employer must grant a local government employee a leave of absence for service as an election official under the same conditions applicable to state employees. *Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1* makes this local governmental responsibility permissive rather than mandatory.

Assembly Amendment 2 requires that the Election Board's recommendations also address the issues of compensation and recruitment of election officials.

Assembly Amendment 3 requires that the recommendations be submitted no later than 90 days after the effective date of the bill, instead of by April 16, 2001.

Assembly Amendment 4 requires the Elections Board to prepare recommendations to eliminate the use of punch card voting systems as a method of voting in Wisconsin and for facilitating the transition from the use of punch card voting systems to another approved method of voting. The report is due not later than the first day of the fifth month beginning after the effective date of the bill. The

recommendations must be submitted to the Legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, as amended by Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1, was recommended by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, January 23, 2001.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 2, recommended by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, January 23, 2001.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 3, recommended by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, January 23, 2001.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 4, recommended by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, January 23, 2001.