

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 295

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under *current law*, the Elections Board (Government Accountability Board on or after August 31, 2007) 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 Assembly Bill 295 removes the registration identification number from the list of confidential information, thus making registration identification numbers accessible to the public.

Assembly Amendment 1 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. The amendment also replaces "deputy clerk" under current law with "deputy municipal clerk."

Legislative History

On June 14, 2007, the Assembly Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law introduced Assembly Amendment 1 by unanimous consent. The committee then recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of 2007 Assembly Bill 295, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; and Absent, 1.

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