



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 406

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law provides that any elector may challenge for cause any person offering to vote or any person who voted by absentee ballot whom the challenging elector knows or suspects is not a qualified elector.

2009 Assembly Bill 406 provides that a challenging elector must be a resident of the same ward or election district as the challenged elector. The bill also requires that the challenging elector provide proof of residence when making a challenge.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the requirements that a challenging elector be an elector of the same ward or election district as the challenged elector and that the challenging elector provide proof of residence applies only to voting in municipalities with a population of 2,500 or more.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Kessler. On November 17, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 1; and Absent, 1. The committee then recommended passage of Assembly Bill 406, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3; and Absent, 1.

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