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Assembly Bill 572 establishes procedures for courts to notify the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) that a person has been declared incompetent to vote and requires WEC to indicate that the person is ineligible on the voter registration list. The bill also requires WEC to include, on its standard registration forms, a box where a potential registrant may indicate whether he or she has been declared incompetent to vote. Under the bill, criminal penalties that apply to a person who votes without the necessary qualifications do not apply to a person who has been declared incompetent to vote.

The bill also requires administrators of facilities that are served by special voting deputies (SVDs) to provide email notice of the dates and times that SVDs will be assisting residents in voting to each individual designated as a contact by a resident who wishes to vote by absentee ballot at the facility.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 extends to three days the deadline for courts to notify WEC that a person has been declared incompetent and for WEC to indicate that the person is ineligible to vote on the voter registration list. The substitute amendment also requires the notice relating to SVDs to indicate that the resident of the facility retains the right of privacy and that the information is provided to the contact for informational purposes only.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections on November 7, 2023. On that date, the committee voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0, and to recommend passage of the bill as amended by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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