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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Senate Bill 560 makes changes to current law relating to election observers. The bill requires that observation areas for election observers must be located within three feet from tables where voters may register, and from tables where voters announce their names and addresses and receive a voter number. Under current law, these observation areas cannot be closer than three feet or farther than eight feet from these tables. The bill also requires that clerks, chief inspectors, and boards of canvassers must provide election observers with uniform and nondiscriminatory access to all stages of the voting process.

Senate Bill 560 provides that any person who violates these provisions may be imprisoned for 90 days or less, fined \$1,000 or less, or both.

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Senate Amendment 1 changes the misdemeanor crimes created under the bill so they apply only to election officials, and not to any person. The amendment also provides that all stages of a recount must be conducted in accordance with s. 7.41, Stats., the election observer statute.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Quinn on November 6, 2023. On November 10, 2023, the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections and Consumer Protection adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then passed Senate Bill 560, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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