Wisconsin Legislative Council AMENDMENT MEMO



Memopublished: January 22, 2024

Contact: Katie Bender-Olson, Principal Attorney Peggy Hurley, Senior Staff Attorney

2023 Senate Bill 593

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

2023 SENATE BILL 593

Senate Bill 593 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 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.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate 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

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Quinn on December 12, 2023. On January 11, 2024, the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections, and Consumer Protection adopted the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's <u>bill history page</u>.

KBO:PJH:jal