



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 4

January 21, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives OTTE, BALDWIN, WALKER, BAUMGART, HANDRICK, GREEN, FREESE, RYBA, OTT, ALBERS, PORTER, MURAT, HAHN, GROTHMAN, OWENS, DUFF, HUEBSCH, SERATTI, BRANDEMUEHL, MUSSER, LADWIG, GOETSCH, KAUFERT, DOBYNS, AINSWORTH, NASS, M. LEHMAN, SKINDRUD, WASSERMAN, GRONEMUS, ZUKOWSKI, GUNDERSON, VRAKAS and OLSEN, cosponsored by Senators C. POTTER, HUELSMAN, GROBSCHMIDT, BUETTNER, CLAUSING and WEEDEN. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1 **AN ACT to create** 12.06 and 12.60 (1) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 publication or dissemination of false information pertaining to a response to
3 certain questions and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, no person may knowingly publish a false representation pertaining to an election which is intended or tends to affect voting at an election. Violators may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

This bill provides, in addition, that no person may knowingly publish or disseminate information which indicates that an elective local official, elective national official or elective state official or candidate for local, national or state office has responded to a verbal or written question in a particular manner if the indicated response has not been made or no response has been made. Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 12.06 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **12.06 False representations of responses to questions.** (1) In this
6 section:

