ENGROSSED 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 208

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AN ACT to create 12.06 and 12.60 (1) (bm) of the statutes; relating to:

publication or dissemination of false information pertaining to a response to

certain questions and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Engrossment information:

The text of Engrossed 1999 Assembly Bill 208 consists of the bill, as passed by the assembly on May 19, 1999, as affected by the following documents adopted in the assembly on March 25, 1999: Assembly Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 2. The text also includes the March 25, 1999, LRB correction to 1999 Assembly Bill 208.

Content of Engrossed 1999 Assembly Bill 208:

This bill provides that no person may knowingly publish or disseminate information which states that an elective local official, elective national official or elective state official or candidate for local, national or state office has responded to a written question in a particular manner if the specific question has not been asked, the specific 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:

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1	Section 1. 12.06 of the statutes is created to read:
2	12.06 False representations of responses to questions. (1) In this
3	section:
4	(a) "Elective local official" means any individual who holds a local office or has
5	been elected or appointed to fill a local office but has not yet taken office.
6	(b) "Elective national official" means any individual who holds a national office
7	or has been elected to fill a national office but has not yet taken office.
8	(c) "Elective state official" means any individual who holds a state office or has
9	been elected or appointed to fill a state office but has not yet taken office.
10	(2) No person may knowingly publish or disseminate information which states
11	that an elective local official, elective national official, elective state official or
12	candidate for local, national or state office has responded to a written question in a
13	particular manner if the specific question has not been asked, or the specific response
14	has not been made or no response has been made.
15	Section 2. 12.60 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:
16	12.60 (1) (bm) Whoever violates s. 12.06 may be required to forfeit not more
17	than \$1,000.
18	Section 3. Nonstatutory provisions; information to registrants.
19	(1) The elections board shall provide to all registrants, as defined in section
20	$11.01\ (18\text{m})$ of the statutes, for whom the board serves as a filing officer information
21	concerning the prohibition under section 12.06 of the statutes, as created by this act.
22	(2) Subsection (1) does not apply after December 31, 2000.
23	(END)