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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 600

October 17, 2003 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS, by request of Elections Board. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 5.25 (4) (c), 6.15 (3) (a) (title), 6.15 (3) (b) (title), 6.24 (8), 6.33
2 (3), 6.35 (2), 6.35 (5) and (6), 6.40 (1) (b), 6.50 (2m), 6.50 (9), 6.79 (1), 6.79 (5),
3 6.79 (6) (a) and 120.06 (5); **to renumber** 5.87 and 6.865; **to renumber and**
4 **amend** 6.15 (3) (a) 1., 2. and 3., 6.15 (3) (b), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.79 (intro.) (except 6.79
5 (title)) and 6.79 (6) (b); **to amend** 5.02 (17), 5.05 (11), 5.25 (4) (a), 5.40 (6), 5.55
6 (title), 6.15 (2) (title), 6.15 (2) (a) (intro.), 6.15 (4) (d), 6.20, 6.24 (3), 6.24 (4) (a),
7 6.24 (4) (c), 6.26 (1), 6.26 (2) (a), 6.26 (2) (b) and (c), 6.275 (1) (b) to (d), 6.28 (2)
8 (b), 6.28 (3), 6.29 (2) (a), 6.29 (2) (b), 6.30 (4), 6.32 (4), 6.325, 6.33 (title), 6.33 (1),
9 6.33 (2), 6.33 (4), 6.35 (3), 6.36 (2) (a), 6.36 (3), 6.40 (2) (b), 6.47 (2), 6.47 (3), 6.47
10 (6), 6.48 (1) (d), 6.48 (2) (b), 6.50 (1), 6.50 (2), 6.50 (3) to (6), 6.50 (7), 6.50 (8), 6.50
11 (10), 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (intro.), 6.55 (2) (a) 2., 6.55 (2) (b), 6.55 (2) (c) 1., 6.55 (2) (c)
12 2., 6.55 (2) (d), 6.55 (3), 6.55 (7) (a) (intro.), 6.55 (7) (b), 6.55 (7) (c) (intro.), 6.55
13 (7) (c) 1., 6.55 (7) (c) 2., 6.55 (7) (d), 6.56 (2) to (4), 6.79 (4), 6.82 (1) (a), 6.86 (3)
14 (a) 1., 6.86 (3) (a) 2., 6.86 (3) (b), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.865 (title), 6.87 (3) (d), 6.87 (4),

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1 6.88 (3) (a), 6.94, 6.95, 7.08 (1) (c), 7.10 (1) (b), 7.15 (1) (c), 7.15 (4), 7.23 (1) (c),
2 7.23 (1) (e), 7.37 (7), 7.51 (2) (a), 7.51 (2) (c), 7.51 (2) (e), 7.51 (3) (a), 7.51 (4) (a),
3 7.51 (5) (a), 8.17 (1) (a), 9.01 (1) (b) 1., 10.02 (3) (a), 11.30 (title), 12.13 (3) (u),
4 51.62 (3m), 59.05 (2), 117.20 (2) and 125.05 (2) (h); **to repeal and recreate** 6.26
5 (title), 6.27, 6.36 (1), 6.40 (1) (a) (title), 6.57 and 6.79 (2); and **to create** 5.02
6 (6m), 5.02 (24w), 5.05 (10), 5.05 (12) to (15), 5.055, 5.056, 5.061, 5.25 (4) (b), 5.35
7 (6) (a) 2m., 4., 4a. and 4b., 5.36, 5.87 (2), 5.91 (15) to (18), 6.06, 6.26 (2) (am),
8 6.276, 6.33 (5), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 2. and 3., 6.865 (1), 6.865 (3) and (4), 6.869,
9 6.96, 6.97, 7.08 (6) and (8), 7.10 (7) to (9), 7.10 (10), 7.15 (9) to (14), 15.617, 19.69
10 (4), 51.62 (3) (a) 4. and 85.61 of the statutes; **relating to:** election
11 administration, voter registration and voting requirements and procedures
12 and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes various changes in state law relating to voter registration and voting requirements and procedures and administration of elections. Many of the changes are made for the purpose of implementing numerous federal mandates imposed upon this state under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and enabling receipt of federal aids by this state under that act. Significant provisions include:

STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION

Under current law, voter registration is required in every municipality with a population of greater than 5,000. This bill requires voter registration in every municipality. The bill also establishes a centralized, state-wide voter registration list that is designed and maintained by the state Elections Board. The bill directs the board to require all municipalities to use the list in all elections and permits the board to require any municipality to adhere to procedures established by the board for proper maintenance of the list. Under the bill, the list must be electronically accessible by any person, but access to certain identifying information is limited to the board and municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners, and no person other than the board or an authorized election official may make a change in the list. The bill also permits the board to make changes to the list with notice to the appropriate municipal clerks or boards of election commissioners. Under the bill, each municipal clerk or board of election commissioners must electronically enter

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valid registrations or changes of registration and voting record information on the list, except that the bill permits any municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, by mutual consent, to delegate this electronic maintenance function to another municipal clerk or board of election commissioners or to a county clerk or board of election commissioners. Currently, when a registered elector is no longer eligible to vote, the name of the elector is removed from the registration list. Under the bill, all names are retained on the list indefinitely and the list distinguishes between eligible and ineligible status. When an elector is no longer eligible to vote, the elector is changed to ineligible status. Each municipality must retain the original registrations or changes of registration as provided under current law. Under the bill, the original forms are controlling whenever there is a discrepancy between the list and the original forms. Currently, municipalities must maintain records of voter participation in elections manually or electronically. Under the bill, municipalities must maintain voter participation records electronically as a part of the state-wide registration list.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

Currently, if registration is required, any individual who qualifies as an elector of a municipality but who is not registered to vote may register in person at various locations within the applicable municipality or may mail to the appropriate municipal clerk a completed registration form. With certain exceptions, the deadline for voter registration is 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners or postmarked not later than this deadline. However, under current law, voters may also register in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners up to 5 p.m. on the day before the election or, in most cases, may register at the proper polling place on election day. In addition, voters may register at any time after the deadline if the municipal clerk determines that the registration list can be revised to incorporate the registration in time for the election. Currently, an individual who makes a late or election day registration must complete a registration form and a certification of eligibility and must present acceptable proof of residence. If an individual attempting to vote under these late registration or election day registration procedures is not able to present acceptable proof of residence, as an alternative, current law permits another qualified elector who resides in the same municipality to corroborate the information contained in the individual's registration form or certification. The corroborating elector must then provide acceptable proof of residence.

This bill requires every elector who registers to vote to provide his or her date of birth and a driver's license number from a valid Wisconsin driver's license, or if the elector does not have a driver's license, the last four digits of the elector's social security number, if the elector has a social security number. The bill also requires the board to assign a registration identification number to every registered elector.

In addition, the bill permits an elector who does not register by the close of registration to register at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners by 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the day before an election.

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Currently, any qualified elector may apply to the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of any municipality to be appointed as a special registration deputy for the purpose of registering electors of the municipality prior to the close of registration (2nd Wednesday before an election). An elector may apply to and be appointed to serve more than one municipality. This bill permits any elector of the state to apply to the Elections Board for appointment as a special registration deputy for the purpose of registering electors of the state prior to the close of registration.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

With certain limited exceptions, before being permitted to vote at any polling place, an elector currently must provide his or her name and address. If registration is required in order to vote and the elector is not registered, the elector must provide a specified form of proof of residence in order to register after the close of registration (usually the second Wednesday preceding an election). If an elector at a polling place claims to be registered but his or her name does not appear on the appropriate registration list, the elector must complete a certification of eligibility and present acceptable proof of residence in order to vote. In addition, an elector who appears to vote at a polling place may be required to provide acceptable proof of residence even if registration is not required. If an elector is not able to present any required proof of residence, as an alternative, current law permits another qualified elector who resides in the same municipality to corroborate the elector's information. Currently, an elector who votes an absentee ballot and who is registered, if registration is required, is not required to provide acceptable proof of residence.

This bill provides that if an elector other than a military or overseas elector, as defined by federal law, registers to vote by mail and has never voted in a federal election in this state, the elector must provide a form of identification specified by federal law in order to be permitted to vote in a federal election. The form of identification used must be either 1) a current and valid piece of identification containing a photograph of the elector; or 2) a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or a check or other document issued by a unit of government that shows the current name and address of the elector. If the elector votes by absentee ballot, the elector must provide a copy of any identification used. If the identification provided by an elector is in one of the acceptable formats and contains the name and address of the elector as shown on the poll list, the inspectors must accept the identification unless they challenge the ballot of the elector. If an elector who votes at a polling place is required to provide identification and fails to do so, the elector may vote provisionally. If an elector who fails to provide required identification votes by absentee ballot, the ballot is treated as a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is marked by the poll workers, who immediately contact the municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners. The clerk or executive director is then directed to determine whether the individual submitting the ballot is a qualified elector where he or she is attempting to vote. If the clerk or executive director notifies the board of canvassers responsible for canvassing the election that the elector is qualified to vote in the ward or election district where the individual's ballot is cast by 4 p.m. on the day after the election, the board of canvassers must reopen the canvass and count the individual's ballot.

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Currently, an elector who believes that the action or inaction of an election official concerning nominations, qualification of candidates, voting qualifications, ward division and numbering, recall, ballot preparation, election administration, or the conduct of elections is contrary to law or that the actions or inactions of an election official with respect to any such matter constitute an abuse of discretion, may file a complaint with the Elections Board and the board may order appropriate relief. The decision of the board may be appealed to the courts. Any elector who believes that an election official is acting in violation of the law may request the appropriate district attorney or, in some cases, the attorney general to petition a court for appropriate relief. However, the recount procedure is the exclusive judicial remedy for addressing any alleged irregularity, defect, or mistake committed during the voting or canvassing process.

This bill creates another procedure for addressing alleged noncompliance with any provision of the federal Help America Vote Act relating to voting system standards, provisional voting, voting information, registration procedure and administration, and voter identification. Under the bill, whenever any person (whether an individual or another entity and whether inside or outside this state) believes that a violation of the act has occurred, is occurring, or is proposed to occur with respect to an election for national office in this state, that person may file a written, sworn complaint with the Elections Board. The board must grant the complainant a formal hearing upon request and must issue a decision on the complaint, together with an order for any appropriate relief, within 89 days. Under the bill, the relief may not include any order affecting the right of any person to hold an elective office or affecting the canvass of an election on or after the date of that election.

VOTING PROCESS***Standards for determining validity of votes***

Currently, state law specifies in detail whether particular indications of elector intent shall be counted as votes cast for particular candidates or propositions. The standards for determining the validity of votes are to some degree applicable to votes cast using electronic voting systems. This bill directs the Elections Board to prescribe, by rule, uniform standards for determining the validity of votes cast or attempted to be cast with each electronic voting system that the board approves for use in this state. The rules apply only in situations that are not addressed under current law.

Federal absentee ballot procedures

Currently, when a uniformed service or overseas voter (as defined by federal law) requests an absentee ballot in a timely manner, the voter is sent an absentee ballot for the next election. Under this bill, such a voter may request and receive an absentee ballot for the next two general (national) elections at the same time, unless the voter is subject to a registration requirement and the voter is no longer registered to vote in this state at the time that an absentee ballot would otherwise be transmitted.

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The bill also provides that if any municipal clerk or board of election commissioners rejects a request for an absentee ballot from a uniformed service or overseas voter, the clerk or board must promptly inform the voter of the reason for the rejection.

Voting after hours pursuant to federal court order

This bill provides that if a federal court orders that a polling place remain open after the official closing hour of 8 p.m., any electors who vote after hours must vote by ballot and have their ballots marked to indicate that they voted after the official closing hour pursuant to a federal court order. The late ballots are then counted unless the court order is overturned. If the order is overturned after the canvass of the election, the bill requires the canvass to be reopened.

Protection and advocacy activities

Under current law, the state protection and advocacy agency implements a system to protect and advocate for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness.

The bill authorizes the protection and advocacy agency to engage in activities to ensure full participation in the electoral process for eligible electors with developmental disabilities or mental illness and requires the Department of Health and Family Services to distribute federal funding to the agency for these activities.

Voting by new residents

Currently, an individual who has resided in this state for less than ten days at the time of a presidential election may vote for president and vice president only at the office of a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, by absentee ballot through the mail, or at a polling place on election day. This bill provides that such an individual may only vote at the office of a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners or at a polling place on election day.

REVISION OF REGISTRATION LIST

Under current law, municipalities must use either a “negative purge” or a “positive purge” system to maintain their voter registration lists. Under the negative purge procedure, an elector who does not vote for a four-year period and does not respond to a notice by requesting continuation of his or her registration is purged from the list. Under the positive purge procedure, the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners sends a registration verification notice to each elector who does not vote for a four-year period. Each elector whose notice is returned as undeliverable is purged from the list. This bill deletes the “positive purge” procedure.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION ENHANCEMENT***Federal and state advisory bodies***

In accordance with the Help America Vote Act, the bill creates an Election Administration Council whose members are appointed by the executive director of the board to develop and revise as necessary a proposed state plan for the expenditure of federal moneys under the Help America Vote Act. The bill also directs the board to adopt this plan and revise the plan as necessary. In addition, the bill directs the executive director, in consultation with the Elections Board, to appoint a representative of this state as a member of the federal Election Assistance

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Commission standards board, and to supervise the selection by county and municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners in this state of a representative of this state to serve as a member of the standards board.

Voter educational programs and information systems

This bill permits the Elections Board, with the assistance of county and municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners, to conduct or prescribe requirements for educational programs to inform electors about voting procedures, voting rights, and voting technology. However, the bill requires the board to conduct an educational program for the specific purpose of educating electors who cast paper ballots, ballots that are counted at a central counting location, and absentee ballots of the effect of casting excess votes for an office. The bill also directs the board, with the assistance of county and municipal clerks, to maintain one or more toll-free telephone lines for electors to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general election information and to access information concerning their registration status, current polling place locations, and other information relevant to voting in elections. The bill requires the municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners to maintain a free access system under which electors who vote without providing required identification and electors who vote pursuant to a federal court order after a polling place is scheduled to close may ascertain the status of their votes.

Requirements to match information

In accordance with the Help America Vote Act, the bill requires the secretary of transportation (secretary) to enter into two agreements. First, the secretary and the executive director of the Elections Board must enter into an agreement to match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the Elections Board with personally identifiable information in driver licensing and vehicle registration records maintained by the Department of Transportation (DOT), for the purpose of verifying voter registration information. Second, the secretary must enter into an agreement with the commissioner of the federal Social Security Administration to match the name, date of birth, and social security number of individuals in DOT's driver licensing and vehicle registration records with such information in the records of the Social Security Administration. This agreement must contain safeguards to maintain the confidentiality of any information disclosed and procedures to allow the secretary to use any information disclosed in maintaining the records of DOT.

Instructions for absentee voters

The bill directs the Elections Board to prescribe uniform instructions for absentee voters. The instructions must include information concerning the procedure for correcting errors in marking a ballot and obtaining a replacement for a spoiled ballot.

Electronic voting system standards

Effective on January 1, 2006, the bill creates new standards for approval by the Elections Board of electronic voting systems for use at elections in this state. Under the bill, all electronic voting systems must enable an elector to privately verify the

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votes selected by the elector before casting his or her ballot, they must provide the elector with an opportunity to change his or her votes or to obtain a replacement for a spoiled ballot before casting his or her vote, and, unless a ballot is counted at a central counting location, they must include a mechanism for notifying an elector of an overvote for an office and provide an opportunity for the elector to correct his or her ballot or to cast a replacement ballot to eliminate the overvote. The system must also produce a permanent paper record of the vote cast by each elector who uses an electronic voting system at the time the elector casts his or her vote that enables a manual count or recount of the elector's vote.

Enforcement of federal voting system standards

Effective on January 1, 2006, the bill directs the Elections Board to audit the performance of each voting system used in this state, including any paper ballot voting system, following each general election. In the audit, the board must determine the error rate of the system in counting ballots that are validly cast by electors. If the error rate exceeds the rate permitted by the federal government, the bill directs the board to take remedial action and to order affected counties and municipalities to take remedial action. The bill requires counties and municipalities to comply with remedial orders.

Polling place accessibility, equipment and materials

Currently, each polling place in the state is required to be accessible to elderly and handicapped individuals, unless the Elections Board otherwise permits in accordance with guidelines prescribed by rule. This bill requires, effective January 1, 2006, that each polling place in the state be accessible to all individuals with physical or mental disabilities, except individuals who are currently disqualified from voting due to mental disability. The bill also directs the board to ensure that the voting system used at each polling place allows all such individuals to vote without the need for assistance and with the same degree of privacy that is accorded to nondisabled electors voting at the same polling place. Under the bill, any individual with a disability who intends to vote at a polling place on election day may request that a specific type of accommodation be provided to facilitate his or her voting. Municipalities must make reasonable efforts to comply with such requests where feasible, but municipalities must still make all polling places accessible to all individuals with disabilities (except individuals who are currently disqualified from voting due to mental disability) regardless of whether an advance request for accommodation is made. In any jurisdiction that is currently subject to federal requirements to provide voting materials in any language other than English, the board must ensure that the voting system used at each polling place in the jurisdiction is in compliance with those requirements. In addition, the bill deletes the authority of the board to waive compliance with accessibility requirements.

Notices posted at polling places

Currently, municipalities are required to post at each polling place relevant voting instructions, a copy of state election fraud laws, two sample ballots, special information concerning voting at partisan primaries, and other information directed to be posted by the Elections Board. This bill requires, in addition, that municipalities post information concerning the date of the election, the hours during

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which the polling place is open, special instructions for electors who are required to provide identification in order to vote, and general information prescribed by the board concerning voting rights under applicable state and federal laws and federal laws relating to election fraud and misrepresentation in elections.

Statistical reports

This bill requires each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners to report to the Elections Board, within 30 days after each general election, the number of absentee ballots transmitted to absent uniformed services and overseas voters, as defined by federal law, for that election and the combined number of those ballots that were cast by those electors in that election. The bill then directs the board, within 90 days after each general election, to compile the information received from municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners and transmit the compiled information to the federal Election Assistance Commission. Currently, there is no similar requirement.

The bill also permits the Elections Board to request that county or municipal clerks or boards of election commissioners provide information to the board relating to election administration, performance of electronic voting systems and voting machines, and use of paper ballots in elections, and directs the clerks and boards to provide the board with any such requested information.

Currently, the Elections Board conducts information and training meetings for election officials and also conducts a training program for chief inspectors (supervising poll workers). This bill directs county and municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners to assist the board in conducting those training programs.

Performance evaluation audit

The bill directs the Legislative Audit Bureau to perform a performance evaluation audit relating to compliance by the state and local governments with election laws and the appropriateness of procedures used to implement those laws. The audit must address compliance with the terms of the act resulting from enactment of this bill, including polling place accessibility requirements. The audit must also address the treatment of complaints of electors concerning election law violations, including denial of the right to vote and the right to corroborate registration information for electors, any attempts to require identification that is not authorized by law, any incidence of inadequate availability of ballots, allegations of voter fraud and the treatment of those allegations, and the legality and appropriateness of procedures used to identify ineligible electors whose names may appear on the registration list. The bureau must report its findings within an appropriate time period determined by the bureau upon consultation with the Elections Board.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 5.02 **(6m)** “Identification” means:

3 (a) In the case of an elector who votes in person, either of the following:

4 1. A current and valid piece of identification containing a photograph of the
5 elector.

6 2. A copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or a check or other
7 document issued by a unit of government that shows the current name and address
8 of the elector.

9 (b) In the case of an elector who votes by absentee ballot, either of the following:

10 1. A copy of a current and valid piece of identification containing a photograph
11 of the elector.

12 2. A copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or a check or other
13 document issued by a unit of government that shows the current name and address
14 of the elector.

15 **SECTION 2.** 5.02 (17) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 5.02 **(17)** “Registration list” means the list of electors who are properly
17 registered to vote ~~in municipalities in which registration is required.~~

18 **SECTION 3.** 5.02 (24w) of the statutes is created to read:

19 5.02 **(24w)** “Voting system” means:

20 (a) The total combination of mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic
21 equipment, including the software, hardware, and documentation required to
22 program, control, and support the equipment, that is used to define ballots, to cast
23 and count votes, to report or display election results, and to maintain and produce
24 any audit trail information.

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1 (b) The practices and associated documentation for any of the following
2 purposes:

- 3 1. To identify equipment components and versions of such components.
- 4 2. To test the equipment during its development and maintenance.
- 5 3. To maintain records of equipment errors and defects.
- 6 4. To determine specific equipment changes to be made after the initial
7 qualification of the equipment.
- 8 5. To make available any materials to an elector.

9 **SECTION 4.** 5.05 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

10 **5.05 (10) STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PLAN.** With the assistance of the
11 election administration council, the board shall adopt and modify as necessary a
12 state plan that meets the requirements of P.L. 107-252 to enable participation by
13 this state in federal financial assistance programs authorized under that law. The
14 board shall adopt the plan and any modifications only after publishing a class I notice
15 under ch. 985 or posting on the Internet a statement describing the proposed plan
16 or modification and receiving public comment thereon.

17 **SECTION 5.** 5.05 (11) of the statutes, as created by 2003 Wisconsin Act 35, is
18 amended to read:

19 **5.05 (11) AIDS TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.** From the appropriation under
20 s. 20.510 (1) (x), the board may provide financial assistance to eligible counties and
21 municipalities for election administration costs in accordance with the plan adopted
22 under sub. (10). As a condition precedent to receipt of assistance under this
23 subsection, the board shall enter into an agreement with the county or municipality
24 receiving the assistance specifying the intended use of the assistance and shall
25 ensure compliance with the terms of the agreement. Each agreement shall provide

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1 that if the federal government objects to the use of any assistance moneys provided
2 to the county or municipality under the agreement, the county or municipality shall
3 repay the amount of the assistance provided to the board.

4 **SECTION 6.** 5.05 (12) to (15) of the statutes are created to read:

5 **5.05 (12) VOTER EDUCATION.** The board may conduct or prescribe requirements
6 for educational programs to inform electors about voting procedures, voting rights,
7 and voting technology. The board shall conduct an educational program for the
8 purpose of educating electors who cast paper ballots, ballots that are counted at a
9 central counting location, and absentee ballots of the effect of casting excess votes for
10 a single office.

11 **(13) TOLL-FREE ELECTION INFORMATION EXCHANGE.** (a) The board shall maintain
12 one or more toll-free telephone lines for electors to report possible voting fraud and
13 voting rights violations, to obtain general election information, and to access
14 information concerning their registration status, current polling place locations, and
15 other information relevant to voting in elections.

16 (b) The board may maintain a free access system under which an elector who
17 votes under s. 6.96 or 6.97 may ascertain current information concerning whether
18 the elector's vote has been counted, and, if the vote will not be counted, the reason
19 that it will not be counted.

20 **(14) INFORMATION FROM COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CLERKS.** The board may request
21 information from county and municipal clerks relating to election administration,
22 performance of electronic voting systems and voting machines, and use of paper
23 ballots in elections.

24 **(15) REGISTRATION LIST.** The board is responsible for the design and
25 maintenance of the official registration list under s. 6.36. The board shall require all

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1 municipalities to use the list in every election and may require any municipality to
2 adhere to procedures established by the board for proper maintenance of the list.

3 **SECTION 7.** 5.055 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **5.055 Election assistance commission standards board.** The executive
5 director of the board shall, in consultation with the board, appoint an individual to
6 represent this state as a member of the federal election assistance commission
7 standards board. The executive director shall also conduct and supervise a process
8 for the selection of an election official by county and municipal clerks and boards of
9 election commissioners to represent local election officials of this state as a member
10 of the federal election assistance commission standards board. The executive
11 director shall ensure that the members of the federal election assistance commission
12 standards board representing this state shall at no time be members of the same
13 political party. Upon appointment or election of any new member of the federal
14 election assistance commission standards board representing this state, the
15 executive director shall transmit a notice of that member's appointment or election
16 to the officer or agency designated by federal law.

17 **SECTION 8.** 5.056 of the statutes is created to read:

18 **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The
19 executive director of the board shall enter into the agreement with the secretary of
20 transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally identifiable
21 information on the official registration list maintained by the board under s. 6.36 (1)
22 with personally identifiable information maintained by the department of
23 transportation.

24 **SECTION 9.** 5.061 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **5.061 Compliance with federal Help America Vote Act.** (1) Whenever
2 any person believes that a violation of Title III of P.L. 107-252 has occurred, is
3 occurring, or is proposed to occur with respect to an election for national office in this
4 state, that person may file a written, verified complaint with the board.

5 (2) If the board receives more than one complaint under sub. (1) relating to the
6 same subject matter, the board may consolidate the complaints for purposes of this
7 section.

8 (3) A complainant under sub. (1) or any of the complainants in a consolidated
9 complaint under sub. (2) may request a hearing and the matter shall then be treated
10 as a contested case under ch. 227, except that the board shall make a final
11 determination with respect to the merits of the complaint and issue a decision within
12 89 days of the time that the complaint or the earliest of any complaints was filed,
13 unless the complainant, or each of any complainants whose complaints are
14 consolidated, consents to a specified longer period.

15 (4) If the board finds the complaint to be without merit, it shall issue a decision
16 dismissing the complaint. If the board finds that the violation alleged in the
17 complaint has occurred, is occurring, or is proposed to occur, the board shall order
18 appropriate relief, except that the board shall not issue any order under this
19 subsection affecting the right of any person to hold an elective office or affecting the
20 canvass of an election on or after the date of that election.

21 **SECTION 10.** 5.25 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 5.25 (4) (a) Each polling place shall be accessible to ~~elderly and handicapped~~
23 all individuals with disabilities. The board shall ensure that the voting system used
24 at each polling place will permit all individuals with disabilities to vote without the
25 need for assistance and with the same degree of privacy that is accorded to

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1 nondisabled electors voting at the same polling place. This paragraph does not apply
2 to any individual who is disqualified from voting under s. 6.03 (1) (a).

3 **SECTION 11.** 5.25 (4) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

4 5.25 (4) (b) In any jurisdiction that is subject to the requirement under 42 USC
5 1973aa-1a to provide voting materials in any language other than English, the board
6 shall ensure that the voting system used at each polling place in that jurisdiction is
7 in compliance with 42 USC 1973aa-1a.

8 **SECTION 12.** 5.25 (4) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 13.** 5.35 (6) (a) 2m., 4., 4a. and 4b. of the statutes are created to read:

10 5.35 (6) (a) 2m. General information prescribed by the board on federal laws
11 relating to election fraud and misrepresentation in federal elections.

12 4. The date of the election and the hours during which the polling place is open.

13 4a. Instructions prescribed by the board for electors for whom identification is
14 required under s. 6.36 (2) (c) 2.

15 4b. General information prescribed by the board concerning voting rights
16 under applicable state and federal laws, including the method of redress for any
17 alleged violations of those rights.

18 **SECTION 14.** 5.36 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **5.36 Notice of voting by individuals with disabilities.** Any individual
20 with a disability may notify a municipal clerk that he or she intends to vote at a
21 polling place on election day and may request that a specific type of accommodation
22 be provided that will facilitate his or her voting.

23 **SECTION 15.** 5.40 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 5.40 (6) A municipality which utilizes voting machines or an electronic voting
2 system at a polling place may permit use of the machines or system by electors voting
3 under s. 6.15 only as authorized under s. 6.15 (3) (b).

4 **SECTION 16.** 5.55 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **5.55** (title) **Ballot identification Information.**

6 **SECTION 17.** 5.87 of the statutes is renumbered 5.87 (1).

7 **SECTION 18.** 5.87 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

8 **5.87 (2)** The board shall, by rule, prescribe uniform standards for determining
9 the validity of votes cast or attempted to be cast with each electronic voting system
10 approved for use in this state under s. 5.91. The rules shall apply only to situations
11 that may arise in which the validity of a vote or attempted vote cast by an elector
12 utilizing a particular system cannot be determined under s. 7.50.

13 **SECTION 19.** 5.91 (15) to (18) of the statutes are created to read:

14 **5.91 (15)** It permits an elector to privately verify the votes selected by the
15 elector before casting his or her ballot.

16 **(16)** It provides an elector with the opportunity to change his or her votes and
17 to correct any error or to obtain a replacement for a spoiled ballot prior to casting his
18 or her ballot.

19 **(17)** Unless the ballot is counted at a central counting location, it includes a
20 mechanism for notifying an elector who attempts to cast an excess number of votes
21 for a single office that his or her votes for that office will not be counted, and provides
22 the elector with an opportunity to correct his or her ballot or to receive and cast a
23 replacement ballot.

24 **(18)** It produces a permanent paper record of the vote cast by each elector at
25 the time that it is cast that enables a manual count or recount of the elector's vote.

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1 **SECTION 20.** 6.06 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **6.06 Information for uniformed service members.** The board is the
3 agency designated by this state under 42 USC 1973ff-1 to provide information
4 regarding voter registration and absentee balloting procedures to absent members
5 of the uniformed services and overseas voters with respect to elections for national
6 office.

7 **SECTION 21.** 6.15 (2) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.15 (2) (title) ~~APPLICATION FOR BALLOT~~ PROCEDURE AT CLERK'S OFFICE.

9 **SECTION 22.** 6.15 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.15 (2) (a) (intro.) The elector's request for the application form may be made
11 in person to the ~~proper~~ municipal clerk ~~either in person or in writing any time during~~
12 ~~the 10-day period in which the elector's residence requirement is incomplete, but not~~
13 ~~later than the applicable deadline for making application for an absentee ballot of~~
14 the municipality where the person resides. Application may be made not sooner than
15 9 days nor later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election, or may be made at the
16 proper polling place in the ward or election district in which the elector resides. ~~The~~
17 If an elector makes application before election day, the application form shall be
18 returned to the municipal clerk after the affidavit has been signed in the presence
19 of the clerk or any officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The affidavit shall
20 be in substantially the following form:

21 **SECTION 23.** 6.15 (3) (a) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 24.** 6.15 (3) (a) 1., 2. and 3. of the statutes are renumbered 6.15 (2) (d)
23 1r., 2. and 3., and 6.15 (2) (d) 1r., as renumbered, is amended to read:

24 6.15 (2) (d) 1r. Upon proper completion of the application and cancellation card,
25 the municipal clerk shall ~~inform the elector that he or she may vote for the~~

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1 presidential electors not sooner than 9 days nor later than 5 p.m. on the day before
2 the election at the office of the municipal clerk, or at a specified polling place on
3 election day. When voting at the municipal clerk's office, the applicant shall provide
4 identification and require the elector to provide acceptable proof of residence under
5 s. 6.55 (7). If the elector cannot provide acceptable proof of residence, the elector may
6 have his or her residence corroborated in a statement that is signed by another
7 elector of the municipality and that contains the current street address of the
8 corroborating elector. If the residence is corroborated by another elector, that elector
9 shall then provide proof of residence under s. 6.55 (7). The elector shall then mark
10 the ballot in the clerk's presence in a manner that will not disclose his or her vote.
11 Unless the ballot is utilized with an electronic voting system, the applicant The
12 elector shall then fold the ballot so as to conceal his or her vote. The applicant clerk
13 or elector shall then deposit the ballot and seal it in place the ballot in an envelope
14 furnished by the clerk.

15 **SECTION 25.** 6.15 (3) (b) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

16 **SECTION 26.** 6.15 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 6.15 (3) and amended to
17 read:

18 **6.15 (3) ~~VOTING PROCEDURE~~ PROCEDURE AT POLLING PLACE.** An eligible elector
19 may appear at the polling place for the ward or election district where he or she
20 resides and make application for a ballot under sub. (2). ~~In such case, the inspector~~
21 ~~or special registration deputy~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an
22 elector who casts a ballot under this subsection shall follow the same procedure
23 required for casting a ballot at the municipal clerk's office under sub. (2). The
24 inspectors shall perform the duties of the municipal clerk. ~~The elector shall provide~~
25 ~~identification. If the elector is qualified, he or she shall be permitted to vote, except~~

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1 that the inspectors shall return the cancellation card under sub. (2) (b) to the
2 municipal clerk and the clerk shall forward the card as provided in sub. (2) (c) if
3 required. Upon proper completion of the application and cancellation card and
4 submittal of acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.55 (7) or providing corroboration
5 of residence, the inspectors shall permit the elector to cast his or her ballot for
6 president and vice president. The elector shall mark the ballot and, unless the ballot
7 is utilized with an electronic voting system, the elector shall fold the ballot, and shall
8 deposit the ballot into the ballot box or give it to the inspector. The inspector shall
9 deposit it directly into the ballot box. Voting machines or ballots utilized with
10 electronic voting systems may only be used by electors voting under this section if
11 they permit voting for president and vice president only.

12 **SECTION 27.** 6.15 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.15 (4) (d) Upon satisfactory completion of the procedure under pars. (b) and
14 (c) the inspectors shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box. The inspectors shall enter
15 the name of each elector voting under this section on the poll list with an indication
16 that the elector is voting under this section or on a separate list maintained for the
17 purpose under s. 6.79 (2) (c).

18 **SECTION 28.** 6.20 of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **6.20 Absent electors.** Any qualified elector of this state who registers where
20 required may vote by absentee ballot under ss. 6.84 to 6.89.

21 **SECTION 29.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.24 (3) REGISTRATION. ~~If registration is required in the municipality where the~~
23 ~~The overseas elector resided or where the elector's parent resided, the elector shall~~
24 register in the municipality where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas
25 elector's parent was last domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to

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1 ascertain the elector's qualifications under this section. The form shall be
2 substantially similar to the original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable.
3 Registration shall be accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4).

4 **SECTION 30.** 6.24 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.24 (4) (a) An overseas elector who is properly registered ~~where registration~~
6 ~~is required~~ may request an absentee ballot in writing under ss. 6.86 to 6.89.

7 **SECTION 31.** 6.24 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.24 (4) (c) Upon receipt of a timely application from an individual who
9 qualifies as an overseas elector and who has registered to vote in a municipality
10 under sub. (3) ~~whenever registration is required in that municipality~~, the municipal
11 clerk of the municipality shall send an absentee ballot to the individual for all
12 subsequent elections for national office to be held during the year in which the ballot
13 is requested, unless the individual otherwise requests or until the individual no
14 longer qualifies as an overseas elector.

15 **SECTION 32.** 6.24 (8) of the statutes is repealed.

16 **SECTION 33.** 6.26 (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

17 **6.26 (title) Special registration deputies.**

18 **SECTION 34.** 6.26 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 6.26 (1) ~~Where registration is applicable under s. 6.27, the~~ The municipal clerk
20 or the board of election commissioners of each municipality shall administer elector
21 registration within the municipality in accordance with the procedures prescribed
22 under sub. (3). ~~The clerk or board of election commissioners shall prepare and~~
23 ~~maintain the registration list under this chapter.~~

24 **SECTION 35.** 6.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.26 (2) (a) A qualified elector of the state may apply to any municipal clerk or
2 board of election commissioners to be appointed as a special registration deputy for
3 the purpose of registering electors of the municipality prior to the close of
4 registration. An applicant may be appointed by more than one municipal clerk or
5 board of election commissioners to serve more than one municipality.

6 **SECTION 36.** 6.26 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.26 (2) (am) A qualified elector of this state may apply to the board to be
8 appointed as a special registration deputy for the purpose of registering electors of
9 any municipality prior to the close of registration.

10 **SECTION 37.** 6.26 (2) (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

11 6.26 (2) (b) The municipal clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections
12 board may appoint an any applicant who qualifies under this subsection, unless the
13 applicant's appointment has been revoked by a municipality or by the board for
14 cause. ~~A~~ The municipal clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections board
15 may revoke an appointment made by the clerk, board of election commissioners, or
16 elections board for cause at any time.

17 (c) No individual may serve as a special registration deputy in a municipality
18 unless the individual is appointed by the municipal clerk or board of election
19 commissioners of the municipality or the individual is appointed by the elections
20 board to serve all municipalities.

21 **SECTION 38.** 6.27 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

22 **6.27 Elector registration required.** Each elector shall register under this
23 chapter before voting in any election, except as authorized under ss. 6.15, 6.18, and
24 6.22.

25 **SECTION 39.** 6.275 (1) (b) to (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

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1 6.275 (1) (b) ~~Where registration applies, the~~ The total number of electors of the
2 municipality residing in that county who were preregistered on the deadline
3 specified in s. 6.28 (1), including valid mail registrations which are postmarked by
4 that day.

5 (c) ~~Where registration applies, the~~ The total number of electors of the
6 municipality residing in that county who registered after the close of registration and
7 prior to the day of the primary or election under ss. 6.28 (1), 6.29, and 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

8 (d) ~~Where registration applies, the~~ The total number of electors of the
9 municipality residing in that county who registered on the day of the primary or
10 election under ss. 6.55 and 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

11 **SECTION 40.** 6.276 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **6.276 Federal absentee voting statistics. (1)** In this section, “military
13 elector” and “overseas elector” have the meanings given in s. 6.36 (2) (c).

14 **(2)** Within 30 days after each general election, each municipal clerk shall
15 transmit to the board a report of the number of absentee ballots transmitted by the
16 clerk to absent military electors and overseas electors for that election and the
17 combined number of those ballots that were cast by those electors in that election.

18 **(3)** Within 90 days after each general election, the board shall compile the
19 information contained in the reports received from municipal clerks under sub. (2)
20 and transmit the information to the federal Election Assistance Commission.

21 **SECTION 41.** 6.28 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.28 **(2) (b)** The municipal clerk of each municipality ~~in which elector~~
23 ~~registration is required~~ shall notify the school board of each school district in which
24 the municipality is located that high schools shall be used for registration pursuant
25 to par. (a). The school board and the municipal clerk shall agree upon the

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1 appointment of at least one qualified elector at each high school as a special school
2 registration deputy. The municipal clerk shall appoint such person as a school
3 registration deputy and explain the person's duties and responsibilities. Students
4 and staff may register at the high school on any day that classes are regularly held.
5 The school registration deputies shall promptly forward properly completed
6 registration forms to the municipal clerk of the municipality in which the registering
7 student or staff member resides. The municipal clerk, upon receiving such
8 registration forms, shall add all those registering electors who have met the
9 registration requirements to the registration list. The municipal clerk may reject
10 any registration form and shall promptly notify the person whose registration is
11 rejected of the rejection and the reason therefor. A person whose registration is
12 rejected may reapply for registration if he or she is qualified. The form of each high
13 school student who is qualified and will be eligible to vote at the next election shall
14 be filed in such a way that when a student attains the age of 18 years the student is
15 registered to vote automatically. Each school board shall assure that the principal
16 of every high school communicates elector registration information to students.

17 **SECTION 42.** 6.28 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.28 (3) AT OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS. Any person ~~who resides in a~~
19 ~~municipality requiring registration of electors~~ shall be given an opportunity to
20 register to vote at the office of the register of deeds for the county in which the
21 person's residence is located. An applicant may fill out the required registration form
22 under s. 6.33. Upon receipt of a completed form, the register of deeds shall forward
23 the form within 5 days to the appropriate municipal clerk, or to the board of election
24 commissioners in cities over 500,000 population. The register of deeds shall forward
25 the form immediately whenever registration closes within 5 days of receipt.

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1 **SECTION 43.** 6.29 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.29 (2) (a) Any qualified elector of a municipality ~~where registration is~~
3 ~~required~~ who has not previously filed a registration form or whose name does not
4 appear on the registration list of the municipality ~~shall be entitled to vote at the~~
5 ~~election if he or she delivers to the municipal clerk~~ may register after the close of
6 registration but not later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on
7 the day before an election at the office of the municipal clerk and at the office of the
8 clerk's agent if the clerk delegates responsibility for electronic maintenance of the
9 registration list to an agent under s. 6.33 (5) (b). The elector shall complete, in the
10 manner provided under s. 6.33 (2), a registration form executed by the elector. The
11 ~~form shall contain a certification by the elector that all statements are true and~~
12 ~~correct. Alternatively, if the elector cannot obtain a registration form, the elector~~
13 ~~may deliver a statement, signed by the elector, containing all of the information~~
14 ~~required on the registration form~~ containing all information required under s. 6.33
15 (1). The elector shall present ~~also provide~~ acceptable proof of residence as provided
16 ~~in~~ under s. 6.55 (7). ~~If no proof is presented~~ Alternatively, if the elector is unable to
17 provide acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.55 (7), the information contained in
18 the registration form or the listing of required information shall be substantiated
19 corroborated in a statement that is signed by one any other elector of the
20 ~~municipality, corroborating all the material statements therein~~ and that contains
21 the current street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborating elector
22 shall then provide acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.55 (7). ~~The signing of the~~
23 ~~form by the registering elector and statement by the corroborating elector shall be~~
24 ~~done in the presence of the municipal clerk or deputy clerk not later than 5 p.m. of~~
25 ~~the day before an election.~~

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1 **SECTION 44.** 6.29 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.29 (2) (b) ~~Upon~~ Unless the municipal clerk determines that the registration
3 list will be revised to incorporate the registration in time for the election, upon the
4 filing of the registration form required by this section, the municipal clerk or clerk's
5 agent under s. 6.33 (5) (b) shall issue a certificate containing the name and address
6 of the elector addressed to the inspectors of the proper ward or election district
7 directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her vote, ~~unless the clerk~~
8 ~~determines that the registration list will be revised to incorporate the registration~~
9 ~~in time for the election~~ if the elector complies with all requirements for voting at the
10 polling place. The certificate shall be numbered serially, prepared in duplicate and
11 one copy preserved in the office of the municipal clerk.

12 **SECTION 45.** 6.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.30 (4) BY MAIL. Any eligible elector may register by mail on a form prescribed
14 by the board and provided by each municipality. The form shall be designed to obtain
15 the information required in ss. 6.33 (1) and to provide for changes authorized under
16 s. 6.40 (1) (a) and (b). The form shall contain a certification by the elector that all
17 statements are true and correct. The form shall be prepostpaid for return when
18 mailed at any point within the United States. The form shall be available in the
19 municipal clerk's office and may be distributed by any elector of the municipality.
20 The clerk shall mail a registration form to any elector upon written or oral request.

21 **SECTION 46.** 6.32 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.32 (4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the clerk has no
23 reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the clerk
24 shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a 1st class letter
25 or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward or aldermanic district, or

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1 both, if any, and polling place. If such the letter or postcard is returned, or if the clerk
2 is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector, the clerk shall
3 strike the name change the status of the elector from on the list from eligible to
4 ineligible. The letter or postcard shall specify “ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED” or
5 “DO NOT FORWARD—”, and if a postcard, “RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED” be marked in
6 accordance with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if
7 the elector does not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

8 **SECTION 47.** 6.325 of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **6.325 Disqualification of electors.** No person may be disqualified as an
10 elector unless the municipal clerk, board of election commissioners or a challenging
11 elector under s. 6.48 demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that the person does
12 not qualify as an elector or is not properly registered. If it appears that the
13 challenged elector or proposed elector is registered in another location at a residence
14 in this state other than the one where the elector now resides, the municipal clerk
15 or board of election commissioners may shall, before permitting the elector to vote,
16 require the challenged elector to sign an authorization to cancel transfer his or her
17 registration under s. 6.40 (1) (b) (a) and shall notify the proper official municipal
18 clerk or board of election commissioners at that location the former residence. The
19 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may require naturalized
20 applicants to show their naturalization certificates.

21 **SECTION 48.** 6.33 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **6.33 (title) Registration forms; manner of completing.**

23 **SECTION 49.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.33 (1) The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient registration forms as
25 prescribed by the board printed on loose-leaf sheets or cards to obtain from each

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1 applicant information as to name,; date,; residence location,; citizenship,; date of
2 birth; age,; the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343
3 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number; whether the
4 applicant has resided within the ward or election district for at least 10 days,;
5 whether the applicant has lost his or her right to vote,; and whether the applicant
6 is currently registered to vote at any other location, ~~and~~. The forms shall also provide
7 a space for the applicant's signature and the ward and aldermanic district, if any,
8 where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the offices
9 and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The forms shall also include
10 a space for the ~~identification serial number of any elector who is issued such a~~
11 ~~number under s. 6.47 (3) where the clerk may record an indication of whether the~~
12 ~~form is received by mail and a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses~~
13 ~~a valid voting identification card issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record~~
14 ~~the identification serial number appearing on the voting identification card.~~ Each
15 register of deeds shall obtain sufficient registration forms at the expense of the unit
16 of government by which he or she is employed for completion by any elector who
17 desires to register to vote at the office of the register of deeds under s. 6.28 (3).

18 **SECTION 50.** 6.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 6.33 (2) (a) ~~The All information may be recorded by any person, but the except~~
20 ~~that the ward and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under~~
21 ~~sub. (1) the indication of whether the registration is received by mail, and any~~
22 ~~information relating to an applicant's voting identification card shall be recorded by~~
23 ~~the clerk.~~ Each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is
24 unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant
25 may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant

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1 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the
2 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is
3 unable to sign the form due to physical disability. ~~Ward and aldermanic district~~
4 ~~information shall be filled in by the clerk.~~

5 (b) Except as provided ~~under ss. 6.30 (4) and in s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.~~, the registration
6 form shall be signed by the registering elector and any corroborating elector under
7 s. 6.29 (2) (a) or 6.55 (2) before the clerk, issuing officer or registration deputy. The
8 form shall contain a certification by the registering elector that all statements are
9 true and correct.

10 **SECTION 51.** 6.33 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 52.** 6.33 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.33 (4) When an individual's registration is ~~canceled~~ changed from eligible to
13 ineligible status, the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall enter
14 the date and reason for ~~cancellation~~ change on the ~~individual's registration form~~ list.

15 **SECTION 53.** 6.33 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

16 6.33 (5) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), whenever a municipal clerk receives
17 a valid registration or valid change of a name or address under an existing
18 registration and whenever a municipal clerk changes a registration from eligible to
19 ineligible status, the municipal clerk shall promptly enter electronically on the list
20 maintained by the board under s. 6.36 (1) the information required under that
21 subsection, except that the municipal clerk may update any entries that change on
22 the date of an election in the municipality within 30 days after that date, and the
23 municipal clerk shall provide to the board information that is confidential under s.
24 6.47 (2) in such manner as the board prescribes.

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1 (b) The municipal clerk of any municipality may, by mutual consent, designate
2 any other municipal clerk or any county clerk as the clerk's agent to carry out the
3 functions of the municipal clerk under this section for that municipality. The
4 municipal clerk shall notify the county clerk of each county in which the municipality
5 is located and the board of any such designation in writing. The municipal clerk may,
6 by similar notice to the clerk's agent at least 14 days prior to the effective date of any
7 change, discontinue the designation. If the municipal clerk designates another
8 municipal clerk or a county clerk as his or her agent, the municipal clerk shall
9 immediately forward all registration changes filed with the clerk and voting record
10 information obtained by the clerk to the clerk's agent for electronic entry on the
11 registration list.

12 **SECTION 54.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 55.** 6.35 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.35 (3) ~~In municipalities employing data processing for keeping of registration~~
15 ~~records, original~~ Original registration records shall be maintained in the office of the
16 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners at all times.

17 **SECTION 56.** 6.35 (5) and (6) of the statutes are repealed.

18 **SECTION 57.** 6.36 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

19 6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official
20 registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered
21 elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district
22 of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number
23 assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector
24 under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account
25 number, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47

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1 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the
2 elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), an indication of any
3 accommodation required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by the elector, an
4 indication of the method by which the elector’s registration form was received, and
5 such other information as may be determined by the board to facilitate
6 administration of elector registration requirements.

7 (b) 1. The list shall be open to public inspection under s. 19.35 (1) and shall be
8 electronically accessible by any person, except that:

9 a. No person other than an employee of the board, a municipal clerk, a deputy
10 clerk, an executive director of a city board of election commissioners, or a deputy
11 designated by the executive director may view the date of birth, registration
12 identification number, operator’s license number, or social security account number
13 of an elector, the address of an elector to whom an identification serial number is
14 issued under s. 6.47 (3), or any indication of an accommodation required under s. 5.25
15 (4) (a) to permit voting by an elector.

16 b. No person other than an employee of the board, a municipal clerk, or an
17 election official who is authorized by a municipal clerk may make a change in the list.

18 2. The list shall be electronically accessible by name and shall also be accessible
19 in alphabetical order of the electors’ names for the entire state and for each county,
20 municipality, ward, and combination of wards authorized under s. 5.15 (6) (b).

21 (c) The list shall be designed in such a way that the municipal clerk or board
22 of election commissioners of any municipality and any election official who is
23 authorized by the clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners
24 may, by electronic transmission, add entries to or change entries on the list for any

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1 elector who resides in, or who the list identifies as residing in, that municipality and
2 no other municipality.

3 (d) Upon receipt of official notification by the appropriate election
4 administrative authority of another state, territory, or possession that an elector
5 whose name appears on the list has registered to vote in that state, territory, or
6 possession, the board or the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector
7 formerly resided shall change the elector's registration from eligible to ineligible
8 status.

9 (e) If the board adds the name of any elector to the list, the board shall promptly
10 notify the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides. If the board
11 changes the registration of any elector from eligible to ineligible status, the board
12 shall promptly notify the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector
13 resides or, if the elector has changed his or her residence from one municipality to
14 another municipality in this state, shall promptly notify the municipal clerk of the
15 municipality where the elector resided prior to the change. Notification shall be
16 made in writing or by electronic transmission. If the board changes the registration
17 of any elector from eligible to ineligible status, the board shall make an entry on the
18 list giving the date of and the reason for the change.

19 (f) The board shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the list is
20 maintained in a manner that precludes unauthorized persons from making
21 alterations to the list.

22 **SECTION 58.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. pars. (b) and (c), the, each registration
24 lists list prepared for use as a poll list at a polling place shall contain the full name
25 and address of each registered elector; a blank column for the entry of the serial

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1 number of the electors when they vote; if the list is prepared for use at an election
2 for national office, an indication next to the name of each elector for whom
3 identification is required under par. (c) 2.; and a form of a certificate bearing the
4 certification of the executive director of the board stating that each the list is a true
5 and complete ~~combined check and~~ registration list of the respective municipality or
6 the ward or wards for which the list is prepared.

7 **SECTION 59.** 6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

8 6.36 (2) (c) 1. In this paragraph:

9 a. “Military elector” means a member of a uniformed service on active duty who,
10 by reason of that duty, is absent from the residence where the member is otherwise
11 qualified to vote; a member of the merchant marine, as defined in s. 6.22 (1) (a), who
12 by reason of service in the merchant marine, is absent from the residence where the
13 member is otherwise qualified to vote; or the spouse or dependent of any such
14 member who, by reason of the duty or service of the member, is absent from the
15 residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.

16 b. “Overseas elector” means an elector who resides outside the United States
17 and who is qualified under federal law to vote in elections for national office in this
18 state because the elector was last domiciled in this state immediately prior to the
19 elector’s departure from the United States.

20 2. If the registration list is prepared for use at an election for national office,
21 the list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication of whether
22 identification is required for the elector to be permitted to vote. Identification is
23 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector
24 registers by mail and has not previously voted in an election for national office in this
25 state.

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1 **SECTION 60.** 6.36 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.36 (3) ~~Municipalities shall prepare at least 2 copies of the registration list for~~
3 ~~each ward and bind them in book form.~~ The original registration forms constitute the
4 ~~official registration list and shall be controlling whenever discrepancies occur in~~
5 ~~entering information from the forms under s. 6.33 (5).~~

6 **SECTION 61.** 6.40 (1) (a) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

7 6.40 (1) (a) (title) *Change of residence.*

8 **SECTION 62.** 6.40 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 6.40 (1) (a) 1. and
9 amended to read:

10 6.40 (1) (a) 1. Any registered elector shall transfer registration after a change
11 of residence within the ~~municipality in which he or she is registered~~ state by
12 ~~appearing~~ filing in person with the municipal clerk or by mailing to the municipal
13 clerk a signed request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be
14 ~~the elector's~~ his or her residence for 10 days prior to the election and providing the
15 address where he or she was last registered. Alternatively, the elector may transfer
16 his or her registration at the proper polling place or other registration location under
17 s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a). If an elector is voting ~~at a former~~ in the
18 ~~ward or election district~~ where the elector formerly resided, the change shall be
19 effective for the next election.

20 **SECTION 63.** 6.40 (1) (a) 2. and 3. of the statutes are created to read:

21 6.40 (1) (a) 2. If a municipal clerk receives a request from an elector to transfer
22 his or her registration to another municipality in this state, the clerk shall change
23 the elector's registration and shall notify the municipal clerk of the municipality to
24 which the elector is changing his or her residence.

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1 3. If a municipal clerk receives a request from an elector who is registered in
2 another municipality to transfer his or her registration to the municipality served
3 by the clerk, the clerk shall change the elector's registration and shall notify the
4 municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector formerly resided of the elector's
5 change of residence.

6 **SECTION 64.** 6.40 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 65.** 6.40 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.40 (2) (b) In addition to the revision which is required under s. 6.50,
9 municipal clerks may conduct door-to-door and mail registration canvasses at any
10 time. The door-to-door canvass shall consist of both the ~~deletion from the~~
11 ~~registration list of the names~~ identification of electors who no longer reside at the
12 address for which they are registered and the addition to the registration list of the
13 names of electors who reside at that address. The mail canvass shall consist of ~~the~~
14 ~~municipal clerk examining the registration records and canceling the registration of~~
15 verification that eligible electors continue to reside at the addresses shown on the
16 registration list after the mailing of notices in accordance with s. 6.50 (1) and (2) ~~or~~
17 ~~(2m)~~. The mail canvass may also consist of adding to the registration list the names
18 of eligible electors whose names do not appear on the list. Both door-to-door and
19 mail canvasses whenever made shall be made throughout the municipality in a
20 uniform manner. An elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47
21 (2) shall register at the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the
22 elector resides.

23 **SECTION 66.** 6.47 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.47 (2) Except as authorized in sub. (8), the board, each municipal clerk, each
25 agent designated under s. 6.33 (5) (b), and each election official shall withhold from

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1 public inspection under s. 19.35 (1) the name and address of any eligible individual
2 whose name appears on a poll list or registration list if the individual files provides
3 the municipal clerk with a valid written request ~~with the clerk~~ to protect the
4 individual's confidentiality. To be valid, a request under this subsection must be
5 accompanied by a copy of a protective order that is in effect, an affidavit under sub.
6 (1) (a) 2. that is dated within 30 days of the date of the request or a statement signed
7 by the operator or an authorized agent of the operator of a shelter that is dated within
8 30 days of the date of the request and that indicates that the operator operates the
9 shelter and that the individual making the request resides in the shelter. A
10 physically disabled individual who appears personally at the office of the municipal
11 clerk accompanied by another elector of this state may designate that elector to make
12 a request under this subsection on his or her behalf.

13 **SECTION 67.** 6.47 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.47 (3) Upon ~~listing of~~ receiving a valid written request from an elector under
15 sub. (2), the municipal clerk shall issue to the elector a voting identification card on
16 a form prescribed by the board that shall contain the name of the elector's
17 municipality issuing the card of residence and, in the case of a town, the county in
18 which the town is located, the elector's name, the ward in which the elector resides,
19 if any, and a unique identification serial number issued by the board. The number
20 issued to an elector under this subsection shall not be changed for so long as the
21 elector continues to qualify for a listing under sub. (2).

22 **SECTION 68.** 6.47 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.47 (6) Upon expiration of a confidential listing on a registration list under
24 sub. (2), the municipal clerk shall ~~cancel~~ change the registration of the protected
25 individual to ineligible status unless the individual files a new request and qualifies

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1 under sub. (2) to obtain a renewal of the listing or unless the individual applies for
2 and qualifies to obtain a nonconfidential voter registration. Except as authorized in
3 sub. (8), the municipal clerk shall withhold from public inspection under s. 19.35 (1)
4 the name and address of any individual whose registration is ~~canceled~~ changed
5 under this subsection if the individual qualified for a confidential listing at the time
6 of that listing.

7 **SECTION 69.** 6.48 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.48 (1) (d) If the clerk determines that the challenged elector is not qualified,
9 the clerk shall ~~cancel~~ change the challenged elector's registration, ~~make the~~
10 ~~necessary change in~~ from eligible to ineligible status on the registration list and
11 notify the inspectors for the ward or election district where the elector was
12 registered.

13 **SECTION 70.** 6.48 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.48 (2) (b) Upon appearing in person, objectors shall be examined, under oath,
15 by the commissioners and testimony taken. Judgment rests with the board of
16 election commissioners and decisions shall be rendered as soon as heard. All cases
17 are heard and decided summarily. The commissioners shall determine whether the
18 person objected to is qualified. If they determine that a person is not qualified, the
19 ~~name~~ executive director of the board of election commissioners shall be stricken from
20 change the elector from eligible to ineligible status on the registration list and shall
21 notify the proper ward officials notified of the change immediately.

22 **SECTION 71.** 6.50 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.50 (1) Within 90 days following each general election, the municipal clerk or
24 board of election commissioners of each municipality ~~in which registration is~~
25 ~~required~~ shall examine the registration records and identify each elector who has not

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1 voted within the previous 4 years if qualified to do so during that entire period and
2 shall mail a notice to the elector in substantially the following form:

3 “NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF
4 REGISTRATION

5 You are hereby notified that your voter registration will be ~~canceled~~ suspended,
6 according to state law, for failure to vote within the previous 4-year period, unless
7 you apply for continuation of your registration within 30 days. You may continue
8 your registration by signing the statement below and returning it to this office by
9 mail or in person.

10 APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION
11 OF REGISTRATION

12 I hereby certify that I still reside at the address at which I am registered and
13 apply for continuation of registration.

14 Signed
15 Present Address

16 If you have ~~moved~~ changed your residence within this municipality or changed
17 your name, please contact this office to complete a change of name or address form.

18 [Office of clerk or board of election commissioners
19 Address
20 Telephone]”.

21 **SECTION 72.** 6.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.50 (2) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall ~~cancel~~
23 change the registration of all notified electors under sub. (1) who have not applied
24 for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date of mailing of the notice of
25 suspension from eligible to ineligible status.

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1 **SECTION 73.** 6.50 (2m) of the statutes is repealed.

2 **SECTION 74.** 6.50 (3) to (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

3 6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has
4 changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal
5 clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice
6 by 1st class mail to the elector's registration address stating the source of the
7 information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a
8 registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of
9 election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails
10 to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is
11 mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall ~~cancel~~ change the elector's
12 registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information
13 that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,
14 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall transfer the elector's
15 registration and mail the elector a notice of the transfer under s. 6.40 (2). This
16 subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any registration under
17 s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925 or 6.93.

18 (4) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall ~~cancel~~ change
19 the registration of deceased electors from eligible to ineligible status by means of
20 checking vital statistics reports. No notice need be sent of ~~registrations canceled~~
21 registration changes made under this subsection.

22 (5) The registration of any elector whose address is listed at a building which
23 has been condemned for human habitation by the municipality under s. 66.0413 (1)
24 (j) shall be investigated by the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners.
25 If the clerk or board of election commissioners can find no reason why the

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1 registration of such an elector should not be ~~stricken~~ changed from the registration
2 list eligible to ineligible status, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall
3 change the elector's registration ~~shall be canceled~~ status. If the elector has left a
4 forwarding address with the U.S. postal service, a notice of ~~cancellation~~ change in
5 status shall be mailed by the clerk or board of election commissioners to the
6 forwarding address.

7 (6) The municipal clerk, upon authorization by an elector, shall ~~cancel~~ change
8 the elector's registration from eligible to ineligible status.

9 **SECTION 75.** 6.50 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.50 (7) When an elector's registration is ~~canceled~~ changed from eligible to
11 ineligible status, the municipal clerk shall make an entry ~~upon~~ on the registration
12 card list, giving the date of and cause of ~~cancellation~~ reason for the change.

13 **SECTION 76.** 6.50 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.50 (8) Any municipal governing body may direct the municipal clerk or board
15 of election commissioners to arrange with the U.S. postal service pursuant to
16 applicable federal regulations, to receive change of address information with respect
17 to individuals residing within the municipality for revision of the elector registration
18 list. If required by the U.S. postal service, the governing body may create a
19 registration commission consisting of the municipal clerk or executive director of the
20 board of election commissioners and 2 other electors of the municipality appointed
21 by the clerk or executive director for the purpose of making application for address
22 changes and processing the information received. The municipal clerk or executive
23 director shall act as chairperson of the commission. Any authorization under this
24 subsection shall be for a definite period or until the municipal governing body
25 otherwise determines. The procedure shall apply uniformly to the entire

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1 municipality whenever used. The procedure shall provide for receipt of complete
2 change of address information on an automatic basis, or not less often than once
3 every 2 years during the 60 days preceding the close of registration for the September
4 primary. If a municipality adopts the procedure for obtaining address corrections
5 under this subsection, it need not comply with the procedure for mailing address
6 verification cards under subs. (1) and (2) ~~or (2m)~~.

7 **SECTION 77.** 6.50 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

8 **SECTION 78.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is ~~canceled~~ changed from
10 eligible to ineligible status under this section may have his or her registration
11 reinstated by filing a new registration form reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1),
12 6.29 (2), or 6.55 (2).

13 **SECTION 79.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (intro.) Except where the procedure under par. (c) or (cm) is
15 employed, any person who qualifies as an elector in the ward or election district
16 where he or she desires to vote, but has not previously filed a registration form, or
17 was registered at another location ~~in a municipality where registration is required,~~
18 may request permission to vote at the polling place for that ward or election district,
19 or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b). When a proper request
20 is made, the inspector shall require the person to execute a registration form
21 prescribed by the board ~~that.~~ The registration form shall be completed in the manner
22 provided under s. 6.33 (2) and shall contain all information required under s. 6.33
23 (1), together with the following certification:

24 **SECTION 80.** 6.55 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.55 (2) (a) 2. If a change of address is made from outside the municipality, the
2 elector municipal clerk shall file ~~a cancellation~~ the notice required under s. 6.40 (1)
3 ~~(b)~~ (a) 3.

4 **SECTION 81.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the ~~person~~
6 elector shall be ~~required by a special registration deputy or inspector to present~~
7 provide acceptable proof of residence under sub. (7). If the ~~person~~ elector cannot
8 ~~supply such~~ provide acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the
9 registration form shall be substantiated and signed corroborated in a statement that
10 is signed by ~~one other~~ any elector who resides in the same municipality as the
11 registering elector, ~~corroborating all the material statements therein and that~~
12 contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator
13 shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided in sub. (7). The signing
14 by the elector executing the registration form and by any elector who corroborates
15 the information in the form corroborator shall be in the presence of the special
16 registration deputy or inspector. Upon compliance with this procedure, ~~such person~~
17 shall then be given the right to vote the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her
18 vote, if the elector complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling
19 place.

20 **SECTION 82.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.
22 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
23 municipality ~~in which registration is required~~ may by resolution require a person
24 who qualifies as an elector and who is not registered and desires to register on the
25 day of an election to do so at another readily accessible location in the same building

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1 as the polling place serving the elector's residence or at an alternate polling place
2 assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b), instead of at the polling place serving the elector's
3 residence. In such case, the municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the
4 registration location at the polling place. The municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special
5 registration deputy at the registration location shall require such person to execute
6 a registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and to provide acceptable proof of
7 residence as provided under sub. (7). If the ~~person~~ elector cannot ~~supply such~~ provide
8 acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the registration form
9 shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). The signing by the elector
10 executing the registration form and by any ~~corroborating elector~~ corroborator shall
11 be in the presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy.
12 Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special
13 registration deputy shall serially number the registration and give one copy to the
14 elector for presentation at the polling place serving the elector's residence or an
15 alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

16 **SECTION 83.** 6.55 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.55 (2) (c) 2. Upon compliance with the procedures under subd. 1., the
18 municipal clerk or deputy clerk shall issue a certificate addressed to the inspectors
19 of the proper polling place directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her
20 vote if the elector complies with all requirements for voting at the polling place. The
21 clerk shall enter the name and address of the elector on the face of the certificate.
22 If the elector's registration is corroborated, the clerk shall also enter the name and
23 address of the corroborator on the face of the certificate. The certificate shall be
24 numbered serially and prepared in duplicate. The municipal clerk shall preserve one
25 copy in his or her office.

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1 **SECTION 84.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.55 (2) (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides
3 at the same address, and has not notified the municipal clerk under s. 6.40 (1) (c),
4 shall notify the inspector of the change before voting. The inspector shall then notify
5 the municipal clerk at the time ~~which~~ when materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1).
6 If an elector ~~changes~~ has changed both a name and address, the elector shall
7 ~~complete a registration form~~ register at the polling place or other registration
8 location under pars. (a) and (b).

9 **SECTION 85.** 6.55 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.55 (3) Any qualified elector in the ward or election district where the elector
11 desires to vote whose name does not appear on the registration list ~~where~~
12 ~~registration is required~~ but who claims to be registered to vote in the election may
13 request permission to vote at the polling place for that ward or election district.
14 When the request is made, the inspector shall require the person to give his or her
15 name and address. If the elector is not at the polling place which serves the ward or
16 election district where the elector resides, the inspector shall provide the elector with
17 directions to the correct polling place. If the elector is at the correct polling place, the
18 elector shall then execute the following written statement: "I, ..., hereby certify that
19 to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for at least
20 10 days immediately preceding this election, and that I am not disqualified on any
21 ground from voting, and I have not voted at this election and am properly registered
22 to vote in this election." The person shall be required to provide acceptable proof of
23 residence as provided under sub. (7) and shall then be given the right to vote. If
24 acceptable proof is presented, ~~the elector need not have the information corroborated~~
25 ~~by any other elector.~~ If acceptable the elector cannot provide acceptable proof is not

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1 presented of residence, the statement shall be certified by the elector and shall be
2 corroborated in a statement that is signed by another any other elector who resides
3 in the municipality and that contains the current street address of the corroborating
4 elector. The corroborator shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided
5 in sub. (7). Whenever the question of identity or residence cannot be satisfactorily
6 resolved and the elector cannot be permitted to vote, an inspector shall telephone the
7 office of the municipal clerk to reconcile the records at the polling place with those
8 at the office.

9 **SECTION 86.** 6.55 (7) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.55 (7) (a) (intro.) For purposes of this section, ~~a form of identification~~ an
11 identifying document constitutes acceptable proof of residence if it includes:

12 **SECTION 87.** 6.55 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.55 (7) (b) If an elector's address has changed since ~~a piece of identification~~
14 an identifying document was issued, the new information may be typed or printed
15 on the ~~identification~~ document by hand, in ink.

16 **SECTION 88.** 6.55 (7) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.55 (7) (c) (intro.) ~~Forms of identification~~ Identifying documents which
18 constitute acceptable proof of residence under this section, when they contain the
19 information specified in par. (a), include the following:

20 **SECTION 89.** 6.55 (7) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.55 (7) (c) 1. ~~A Wisconsin motor vehicle~~ An operator's license issued under ch.
22 343.

23 **SECTION 90.** 6.55 (7) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.55 (7) (c) 2. ~~A Wisconsin~~ An identification card issued under s. 125.08, 1987
25 ~~stats~~ s. 343.50.

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1 **SECTION 91.** 6.55 (7) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.55 (7) (d) ~~Forms of identification~~ Identifying documents specified in par. (c)
3 which are valid for use during a specified period shall be valid on the day of an
4 election in order to constitute acceptable proof of residence at that election.

5 **SECTION 92.** 6.56 (2) to (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

6 6.56 (2) Upon receipt of the list, the municipal clerk shall make a check to
7 determine whether each person who has been allowed to vote under s. 6.55 (3) is
8 properly registered. If so, the clerk shall correct the registration list. If the address
9 on the registration list is not correct, the clerk shall correct the address. The clerk
10 shall then notify the elector by postcard when he or she is properly registered. If such
11 person is found not to be properly registered, the clerk shall send the person a 1st
12 class letter with that information, containing a mail registration form under s. 6.30
13 (4). The letter shall be marked "~~ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED~~" in accordance with
14 postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector does not
15 reside at the address given on the postcard. If such letter is returned undelivered,
16 or if the U.S. postal service notifies the clerk of an improper address which was
17 apparently improper on the day of the election, the clerk shall notify the district
18 attorney.

19 (3) Upon receipt of the list under sub. (1), the municipal clerk or board of
20 election commissioners shall make an audit of all electors registering to vote at the
21 polling place or other registration location under s. 6.55 (2) and all electors
22 registering by agent on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2. The audit shall be made
23 by 1st class postcard. The postcard shall be labeled "~~ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED~~"
24 or "~~DO NOT FORWARD—RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED~~" marked in accordance with postal
25 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk or board of election

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1 commissioners if the elector does not reside at the address given on the postcard. If
2 any postcard is returned undelivered, or if the clerk or board of election
3 commissioners is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector
4 which was apparently improper on the day of the election, the clerk or board shall
5 ~~remove the elector's name from~~ change the status of the elector from eligible to
6 ineligible on the registration list, and mail the elector a notice of the ~~removal~~ change
7 in status and provide the name to the district attorney for the county where the
8 polling place is located.

9 (4) After each election, the municipal clerk shall carefully check to assure that
10 no person has been allowed to vote more than once. Whenever the municipal clerk
11 has good reason to believe that a person has voted more than once in an election, the
12 clerk shall send the person a 1st class letter ~~with return receipt and address~~
13 ~~correction requested, informing him or her~~ marked in accordance with postal
14 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector does not reside
15 at the address given on the letter. The letter shall inform the person that all
16 registrations relating to that person may be ~~canceled~~ changed from eligible to
17 ineligible status within 7 days unless the person contacts the office of the clerk to
18 clarify the matter. A copy of such ~~the~~ letter and of any subsequent information
19 received from or about the addressee shall be sent to the district attorney.

20 **SECTION 93.** 6.57 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

21 **6.57 Registration list for special elections.** The municipal clerk of each
22 municipality where a special election is held nonconcurrently with a regularly
23 scheduled election shall obtain a copies of the current registration list from the board
24 for use in the special election.

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1 **SECTION 94.** 6.79 (intro.) (except 6.79 (title)) of the statutes is renumbered 6.79
2 (1m) and amended to read:

3 **6.79 (1m) SEPARATE POLL LISTS.** Two election officials at each election ward shall
4 be in charge of and shall maintain 2 separate poll lists of containing information
5 relating to all persons voting. The municipal clerk may elect to maintain the
6 information on the ~~poll list~~ lists manually or electronically. If the ~~list is~~ lists are
7 maintained electronically, the officials shall enter the information into an electronic
8 data recording system that enables retrieval of ~~a printed copy~~ copies of the ~~poll list~~
9 lists at the polling place. The system employed is subject to the approval of the board.

10 **SECTION 95.** 6.79 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 96.** 6.79 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 **6.79 (2) VOTING PROCEDURE.** (a) Unless information on the poll list is entered
13 electronically, the municipal clerk shall supply the inspectors with 2 copies of the
14 most current official registration list or lists prepared under s. 6.36 (2) (a) for use as
15 poll lists at the polling place. Except as provided in sub. (6), each person, before
16 receiving a serial number, shall state his or her full name and address. The officials
17 shall verify that the name and address provided by the person are the same as the
18 person's name and address on the poll list.

19 (b) Upon the poll list, after the name of each elector, the officials shall enter a
20 serial number for each elector in the order that votes are cast, beginning with
21 number one.

22 (c) The officials shall maintain separate lists for electors who are voting under
23 s. 6.15, 6.29, or 6.55 (2) or (3) and electors who are reassigned from another polling
24 place under s. 5.25 (5) (b) and shall enter the full name, address, and serial number
25 of each of these electors on the appropriate separate list. Alternatively, if the poll list

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1 is maintained electronically, the officials may enter on the poll list the information
2 that would otherwise appear on a separate list if the information that would be
3 obtainable from a separate list is entered on the poll list.

4 (d) If the poll list indicates that identification is required, the officials shall
5 require the elector to provide identification. If identification is provided, the officials
6 shall verify that the name and address on the identification provided is the same as
7 the name and address shown on the registration list. If identification is required and
8 not provided, the officials shall offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s.
9 6.97.

10 (e) The officials shall then provide each elector with a slip bearing the same
11 serial number as is recorded for the elector upon the poll list or separate list.

12 **SECTION 97.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 **6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION.** When any elector provides ~~identification~~
14 acceptable proof of residence under ~~sub. (1) or~~ s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2) or (3), the
15 election officials shall enter the type of ~~identification~~ identifying document provided
16 on the poll ~~or registration~~ list, or ~~supplemental~~ separate list maintained under sub.
17 (2) (c). If the ~~form of identification~~ document submitted as proof of identity or
18 residence includes a number which applies only to the individual holding that piece
19 ~~of identification~~ document, the election officials shall also enter that number on the
20 list. When any elector corroborates the registration identity or residence of any
21 person offering to vote under ~~sub. (1) or~~ s. 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) or (3), or the registration
22 identity or residence of any person registering on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a)
23 2., the election officials shall also enter the name and address of the corroborator
24 ~~shall also be entered~~ next to the name of the elector whose information is being
25 corroborated on the ~~registration or~~ poll list, or the separate list maintained under

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1 sub. (2) (c). When any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken the oath,
2 following the person's name on the ~~registration or~~ poll list, the officials shall enter
3 the word "Sworn".

4 **SECTION 98.** 6.79 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 99.** 6.79 (6) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 100.** 6.79 (6) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 6.79 (6) and amended
7 to read:

8 6.79 (6) CONFIDENTIAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES. ~~In municipalities where~~
9 ~~registration is required, an~~ An elector who has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2)
10 may present his or her identification card issued under s. 6.47 (3), ~~or may give his~~
11 ~~or her name and identification serial number issued under s. 6.47 (3),~~ in lieu of
12 stating his or her name and address under sub. (2). If the elector's name and
13 identification serial number appear on the confidential portion of the list, the
14 inspectors shall issue a voting serial number to the elector, record that number on
15 the ~~registration~~ poll list and permit the elector to vote.

16 **SECTION 101.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an elector is at the entrance
18 to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling place,
19 they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any individual
20 selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or
21 an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector. The
22 individual selected by the elector shall provide identification for the assisted elector,
23 whenever required, and all other information necessary for the elector to obtain a
24 ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The inspectors shall issue a ballot to the individual selected
25 by the elector and shall accompany the individual to the polling place entrance where

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1 the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a paper ballot, the assisting individual
2 shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked by the assisting individual. The
3 assisting individual shall then immediately take the ballot into the polling place and
4 give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall distinctly announce that he or she
5 has “a ballot offered by (stating person’s name), an elector who, as a result of
6 disability, is unable to enter the polling place without assistance”. The inspector
7 shall then ask, “Does anyone object to the reception of this ballot?” If no objection
8 is made, the inspectors shall record the elector’s name under s. 6.79 and deposit the
9 ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the ~~registration or~~ poll list:
10 “Ballot received at poll entrance”.

11 **SECTION 102.** 6.86 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.86 (3) (a) 1. Any elector who is registered, ~~or otherwise qualified where~~
13 ~~registration is not required,~~ and who is hospitalized, may apply for and obtain an
14 official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot for the
15 hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and
16 containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed
17 by that elector and any other elector residing in the same municipality as the
18 hospitalized elector, corroborating the information contained therein. The
19 corroborating elector shall state on the form his or her full name and address.

20 **SECTION 103.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered ~~where registration is~~
22 ~~required,~~ the elector may register by agent under this subdivision at the same time
23 that the elector applies for an official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the
24 elector under this subdivision, the agent shall present a completed registration form
25 that contains the required information supplied by the elector and the elector’s

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1 signature, unless the elector is unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case,
2 the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector
3 signing a form on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the
4 application is made on request and by authorization of the named elector, who is
5 unable to sign the form due to physical disability. The agent shall present this
6 statement along with all other information required under this subdivision. Except
7 as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the agent shall in every case ~~present~~
8 provide acceptable proof of the elector's residence under s. 6.55 (7). If the agent
9 cannot present this proof, the registration form shall be signed and substantiated by
10 another elector residing in the elector's municipality of residence, corroborating the
11 information in the form. The form shall contain the full name and address of the
12 corroborating elector. The agent shall then present acceptable proof of the
13 corroborating elector's residence under s. 6.55 (7).

14 **SECTION 104.** 6.86 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 6.86 (3) (b) When each properly executed form and statement required under
16 par. (a) is presented to the municipal clerk, if the elector who proposes to vote is
17 qualified, an absentee ballot shall be issued and the name of such hospitalized elector
18 shall be recorded by the clerk or special registration deputy. An agent who is issued
19 an absentee ballot under this section shall ~~present identification~~ documentation of
20 his or her identity, provide his or her name and address, and attest to a statement
21 that the ballot is received solely for the benefit of a named elector who is hospitalized,
22 and the agent will promptly transmit the ballot to such person.

23 **SECTION 105.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
25 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier

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1 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
2 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
3 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by
4 absentee ballot. If identification is required, the municipal clerk shall so inform the
5 agent and the elector shall enclose identification in the envelope with the ballot. The
6 ballot shall be sealed by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail
7 or by personal delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the
8 election, the agent shall make personal delivery at the polling place serving the
9 hospitalized elector's residence before the closing hour for the ballot to be counted.

10 **SECTION 106.** 6.865 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **6.865 (title) Federal postcard request form absentee ballot requests.**

12 **SECTION 107.** 6.865 of the statutes is renumbered 6.865 (2).

13 **SECTION 108.** 6.865 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

14 6.865 (1) In this section, "military elector" and "overseas elector" have the
15 meanings given under s. 6.36 (2) (c).

16 **SECTION 109.** 6.865 (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

17 6.865 (3) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a
18 military elector or an overseas elector and the elector requests that he or she be sent
19 an absentee ballot for the next 2 general elections, the municipal clerk or board of
20 election commissioners shall comply with the request except that no ballot shall be
21 sent for a succeeding general election if the elector's name appeared on the
22 registration list for a previous general election and no longer appears on the
23 registration list for the succeeding general election. If the elector's address for the
24 succeeding general election is in a municipality that is different from the
25 municipality in which the elector resided for the first general election, the clerk or

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1 board of election commissioners shall forward the request to the clerk or board of
2 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides.

3 (4) If the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners rejects a request
4 for an absentee ballot from a military elector or an overseas elector, the clerk or board
5 of election commissioners shall promptly inform the elector of the reason for the
6 rejection.

7 **SECTION 110.** 6.869 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **6.869 Uniform instructions.** The board shall prescribe uniform instructions
9 for absentee voters. The instructions shall include information concerning the
10 procedure for correcting errors in marking a ballot and obtaining a replacement for
11 a spoiled ballot. The procedure shall, to the extent possible, respect the privacy of
12 each elector and preserve the confidentiality of each elector's vote.

13 **SECTION 111.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.87 (3) (d) A municipal clerk of a municipality may, if the clerk is reliably
15 informed by an absent elector of a facsimile transmission number or electronic mail
16 address where the elector can receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or
17 electronic copy of the absent elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under
18 this subsection if, in the judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot
19 through the mail may not be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time
20 provided under sub. (6). An elector may receive an absentee ballot under this
21 subsection only if the elector has filed a valid application for the ballot under sub. (1).
22 If the clerk transmits an absentee ballot under this paragraph, the clerk shall also
23 transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the text of the material that appears on the
24 certificate envelope prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions prescribed by
25 the board. The instructions shall require the absent elector to make and subscribe

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1 to the certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the absentee ballot in
2 a separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall include the
3 completed certificate. The elector shall then mail the absentee ballot with postage
4 prepaid to the municipal clerk. An Except as authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an absentee
5 ballot received under this paragraph shall not be counted unless it is cast in the
6 manner prescribed in this paragraph and in accordance with the instructions
7 provided by the board.

8 **SECTION 112.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee
10 shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness. The absent elector,
11 in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in a manner that will not disclose
12 how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then, still in the presence of the
13 witness, fold the ballots ~~if they are paper ballots~~ so each is separate and so that the
14 elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If
15 a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot ~~if it is a~~
16 ~~paper ballot~~ so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot
17 in the proper envelope. If the elector has registered by mail and has not, or is not
18 certain whether the elector has, previously voted in an election for national office in
19 this state, the elector shall enclose identification in the envelope. Identification is
20 required if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector, as defined in
21 s. 6.36 (2) (c), and the elector registered by mail and has not voted in an election for
22 national office in this state. The elector may receive assistance under sub. (5). The
23 return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The
24 envelope shall be mailed by the elector, postage prepaid, or delivered in person, to the
25 municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. Failure to return an unused ballot in

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1 a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return
2 of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s.
3 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked
4 for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for
5 candidates in the primary.

6 **SECTION 113.** 6.88 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.88 (3) (a) Any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election
8 day, the inspectors shall open the carrier envelope only, and announce the name of
9 the absent elector or the identification serial number of the absent elector if the
10 elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the
11 certification has been properly executed, the applicant is a qualified elector of the
12 ward or election district, and the applicant has not voted in the election, they shall
13 enter an indication on the poll ~~or registration~~ list next to the applicant's name
14 indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then open the envelope
15 containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the certification
16 thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it or permitting
17 it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95, the inspectors
18 shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If the poll list
19 indicates that identification is required and no identification is enclosed or the name
20 or address on the document that is provided is not the same as the name and address
21 shown on the poll list, the inspectors shall proceed as provided under s. 6.97 (2). The
22 inspectors shall then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and enter the
23 absent elector's name or voting number after his or her name on the poll ~~or~~
24 ~~registration~~ list in the same manner as if the elector had been present and voted in
25 person.

ASSEMBLY BILL 600**SECTION 114**

1 **SECTION 114.** 6.94 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **6.94 Challenged elector oath.** If the person challenged refuses to answer
3 fully any relevant questions put to him or her by the inspector under s. 6.92, the
4 inspectors shall reject the elector’s vote. If the challenge is not withdrawn after the
5 person offering to vote has answered the questions, one of the inspectors shall
6 administer to the person the following oath or affirmation: “You do solemnly swear
7 (or affirm) that: you are 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United States; you
8 are now and for 10 days have been a resident of this ward except under s. 6.02 (2);
9 you have not voted at this election; you have not made any bet or wager or become
10 directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this
11 election; you are not on any other ground disqualified to vote at this election”. If the
12 person challenged refuses to take the oath or affirmation, the person’s vote shall be
13 rejected. If the person challenged answers fully all relevant questions put to the
14 elector by the inspector under s. 6.92, takes the oath or affirmation, and fulfills the
15 applicable registration requirements, ~~where applicable,~~ and if the answers to the
16 questions given by the person indicate that the person meets the voting qualification
17 requirements, the person’s vote shall be received.

18 **SECTION 115.** 6.95 of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **6.95 Voting procedure for challenged electors.** Whenever the inspectors
20 under ss. 6.92 to 6.94 receive the vote of a person offering to vote who has been
21 challenged, ~~they shall give the elector a ballot. Before depositing the inspectors~~
22 ~~shall, before giving the elector a ballot, the inspectors shall~~ write on the back of the
23 ballot the serial number of the challenged person corresponding to the number kept
24 at the election on the ~~registration or~~ poll list, or other list maintained under s. 6.79,
25 and the notation “s. 6.95”. If voting machines are used in the municipality where the

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1 person is voting, the person's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot
2 furnished by the municipal clerk which shall have the corresponding serial number
3 from the ~~registration or~~ poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the
4 notation "s. 6.95" written on the back of the ballot ~~before the ballot is deposited by~~
5 the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. The inspectors shall indicate
6 on the list the reason for the challenge. The inspectors shall then deposit the ballot.
7 The challenged ballots shall be counted under s. 5.85 or 7.51. The municipal board
8 of canvassers may decide any challenge when making its canvass under s. 7.53. If
9 the returns are reported under s. 7.60, a challenge may be reviewed by the county
10 board of canvassers. If the returns are reported under s. 7.70, a challenge may be
11 reviewed by the chairperson of the board or the chairperson's designee. The decision
12 of any board of canvassers or of the chairperson or chairperson's designee may be
13 appealed under s. 9.01. The standard for disqualification specified in s. 6.325 shall
14 be used to determine the validity of challenged ballots.

15 **SECTION 116.** 6.96 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **6.96 Voting procedure for electors voting pursuant to federal court**
17 **order.** Whenever any elector is allowed to vote at a polling place pursuant to a
18 federal court order after the closing time provided under s. 6.78, the inspectors shall,
19 before giving the elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot the notation "s. 6.96".
20 If voting machines are used in the municipality where the elector is voting, the
21 elector's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the
22 municipal clerk which shall have the notation "s. 6.96" written on the back of the
23 ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. When receiving the
24 elector's ballot, the inspectors shall provide the elector with the written voting
25 information prescribed by the board under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall indicate

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1 on the list the fact that the elector is voting pursuant to a federal court order. The
2 inspectors shall then deposit the ballot. The ballot shall be counted under s. 5.85 or
3 7.51 unless the order is vacated. If the order is vacated after the ballot is counted, the
4 appropriate board or boards of canvassers or the chairperson of the board or his or
5 her designee shall reopen the canvass to discount any ballots that were counted
6 pursuant to the vacated order and adjust the statements, certifications, and
7 determinations accordingly.

8 **SECTION 117.** 6.97 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **6.97 Voting procedure for individuals not providing required**
10 **identification.** (1) Whenever any individual who is required to provide
11 identification in order to be permitted to vote appears to vote at a polling place and
12 cannot provide the required identification, the inspectors shall offer the opportunity
13 for the individual to vote under this section. If the individual wishes to vote, the
14 inspectors shall provide the elector with an envelope marked “Ballot under s. 6.97,
15 stats.” on which the serial number of the elector is entered and shall require the
16 individual to execute on the envelope a written affirmation stating that the
17 individual is a qualified elector of the ward or election district where he or she offers
18 to vote and is eligible to vote in the election. The inspectors shall, before giving the
19 elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot the serial number of the individual
20 corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other list
21 maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation “s. 6.97”. If voting machines are used in
22 the municipality where the individual is voting, the individual’s vote may be received
23 only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the municipal clerk which shall have the
24 corresponding number from the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and
25 the notation “s. 6.97” written on the back of the ballot by the inspectors before the

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1 ballot is given to the elector. When receiving the individual's ballot, the inspectors
2 shall provide the individual with written voting information prescribed by the board
3 under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that the individual
4 is required to provide identification but did not do so. The inspectors shall notify the
5 individual that he or she may provide identification to the municipal clerk or
6 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners. The inspectors
7 shall also promptly notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the name,
8 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the
9 ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

10 (2) Whenever any individual who votes by absentee ballot is required to
11 provide identification in order to be permitted to vote and does not provide the
12 required identification, the inspectors shall write on the back of the absentee ballot
13 the serial number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the election
14 on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". The
15 inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required to provided
16 identification but did not do so. The inspectors shall promptly notify the municipal
17 clerk or executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners of the
18 name, address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place
19 the ballot inside an envelope on which the name and serial number of the elector is
20 entered and shall place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

21 (3) Whenever the municipal clerk or executive director of the municipal board
22 of election commissioners is informed by the inspectors that a ballot has been cast
23 under this section, the clerk or executive director shall promptly provide written
24 notice to the board of canvassers of each municipality, special purpose district, and
25 county that is responsible for canvassing the election of the number of ballots cast

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1 under this section in each ward or election district. The municipal clerk or executive
2 director then shall determine whether each individual voting under this section is
3 qualified to vote in the ward or election district where the individual's ballot is cast.
4 The municipal clerk or executive director shall make a record of the procedure used
5 to determine the validity of each ballot. If, prior to 4 p.m. on the day after the election,
6 the municipal clerk or executive director determines that the individual is qualified
7 to vote in the ward or election district where the individual's ballot is cast, the
8 municipal clerk or executive director shall notify the board of canvassers for each
9 municipality, special purpose district and county that is responsible for canvassing
10 the election of that fact.

11 (4) Whenever a board of canvassers receives timely notification from the
12 municipal clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners under
13 sub. (3) that an individual who has voted under this section is qualified to vote in the
14 ward or election district where the individual's ballot is cast, the board of canvassers
15 shall promptly reconvene and, if the ballot cast by the individual is otherwise valid,
16 shall count the ballot and adjust the statements, certifications and determinations
17 accordingly. If the municipal clerk or executive director transmits returns of the
18 election to the county clerk or board of election commissioners, the municipal clerk
19 or executive director shall transmit to the county clerk or board of election
20 commissioners a copy of the amended returns together with all additional ballots
21 counted by each board of canvassers.

22 **SECTION 118.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4), 6.33 (1),
24 6.40 (1) ~~(b)~~ (a), 6.47 (1) (a) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2) and (3), ~~6.79 (5)~~ and 6.86 (2) and (3).
25 All such forms shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or

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1 fraudulent registration or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required
2 to be furnished by the board.

3 **SECTION 119.** 7.08 (6) and (8) of the statutes are created to read:

4 7.08 (6) ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL VOTING SYSTEM STANDARDS. Following each
5 general election, audit the performance of each voting system used in this state to
6 determine the error rate of the system in counting ballots that are validly cast by
7 electors. If the error rate exceeds the rate permitted under standards of the federal
8 election commission in effect on October 29, 2002, the board shall take remedial
9 action and order remedial action to be taken by affected counties and municipalities
10 to ensure compliance with the standards. Each county and municipality shall
11 comply with any order received under this subsection.

12 (8) ELECTORS VOTING WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION OR PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER.
13 Prescribe a written notice to be distributed to electors who vote under s. 6.96 or 6.97
14 that informs an elector how to obtain information regarding whether his or her vote
15 has been counted, and if the vote will not be counted, the reason that the vote will
16 not be counted.

17 **SECTION 120.** 7.10 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 7.10 (1) (b) The county clerk shall supply sufficient ~~poll list forms for~~
19 ~~municipalities that do not have elector registration and other~~ election supplies for
20 national, state and county elections to municipalities within the county. The ~~poll list~~
21 ~~forms and other~~ election supplies shall be enclosed in the sealed package containing
22 the official ballots and delivered to the municipal clerk.

23 **SECTION 121.** 7.10 (7) to (9) of the statutes are created to read:

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1 7.10 (7) VOTER EDUCATION. Each county clerk shall assist the board in
2 conducting educational programs under s. 5.05 (12) to inform electors about the
3 voting process.

4 (8) FREE ELECTION INFORMATION EXCHANGE. Each county clerk shall assist the
5 board and municipal clerks in maintaining toll-free telephone lines and other free
6 access systems under s. 5.05 (13) for exchange of voting information.

7 (9) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each county clerk shall assist the board
8 in the training of election officials under ss. 5.05 (7) and 7.31.

9 **SECTION 122.** 7.10 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

10 7.10 (10) INFORMATION TO BOARD. Each county clerk shall provide to the board
11 any information requested under s. 5.05 (14).

12 **SECTION 123.** 7.15 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 7.15 (1) (c) Prepare ballots for municipal elections, and distribute ballots and
14 provide other supplies for conducting all elections. The municipal clerk shall deliver
15 poll list forms received from the county clerk to the polling places with the ballots to
16 the polling places before the polls open.

17 **SECTION 124.** 7.15 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 7.15 (4) RECORDING ELECTORS. ~~After~~ Within 30 days after each election where
19 ~~registration is used~~, the municipal clerk shall ~~make a record of~~ enter on the
20 registration list under the name of each elector of the municipality who has voted at
21 the election by stamping or writing the date of the election in the appropriate space
22 ~~on the original registration form of the elector.~~ ~~Municipalities employing data~~
23 ~~processing may, in lieu of this requirement, record voting information in such a~~
24 ~~manner that it is readily available for retrieval by computer~~ an indication of the date
25 of the election in which the elector voted.

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1 **SECTION 125.** 7.15 (9) to (14) of the statutes are created to read:

2 7.15 (9) VOTER EDUCATION. Each municipal clerk shall assist the board in
3 conducting educational programs under s. 5.05 (12) to inform electors about the
4 voting process.

5 (10) FREE ELECTION INFORMATION EXCHANGE. Each municipal clerk shall assist
6 the board in maintaining toll-free telephone lines and any other free access systems
7 under s. 5.05 (13) for exchange of voting information.

8 (11) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each municipal clerk shall assist the
9 board in the training of election officials under ss. 5.05 (7) and 7.31.

10 (12) FREE VOTE COUNTING INFORMATION. Each municipal clerk shall maintain a
11 free access information system under which an elector who votes under s. 6.96 or 6.97
12 may ascertain current information concerning whether the elector's vote has been
13 counted, and if the vote will not be counted, the reason that it will not be counted.

14 (13) INFORMATION TO BOARD. Each municipal clerk shall provide to the board any
15 information requested under s. 5.05 (14).

16 (14) VOTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. Each
17 municipal clerk shall make reasonable efforts to comply with requests for voting
18 accommodations made by individuals with disabilities whenever feasible.

19 **SECTION 126.** 7.23 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 7.23 (1) (c) ~~Registration cards which are canceled~~ forms of electors whose
21 registrations are changed to ineligible status under s. 6.50 (7) may be destroyed 4
22 years after ~~cancellation~~ the change, unless an elector becomes eligible again during
23 that period.

24 **SECTION 127.** 7.23 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 7.23 (1) (e) ~~Registration and poll~~ Poll lists created at a nonpartisan primary or
2 election may be destroyed 2 years after the primary or election at which they were
3 created and ~~registration and poll~~ lists created at a partisan primary or election may
4 be destroyed 4 years after the primary or election at which they were created.

5 **SECTION 128.** 7.37 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 7.37 (7) ~~REGISTRATION AND POLL~~ POLL LISTS. Two inspectors shall be assigned
7 to have charge of the ~~registration or~~ poll lists at each election.

8 **SECTION 129.** 7.51 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 7.51 (2) (a) The inspectors shall first compare the poll ~~or registration~~ lists,
10 correcting any mistakes until the poll ~~or registration~~ lists agree. The chief inspector
11 and the inspectors who are responsible for recording electors under s. 6.79 shall
12 verify the correctness of the poll ~~or registration~~ lists after the polls close by each
13 signing their name thereto. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the inspectors
14 shall then open the ballot box and remove and count the number of ballots therein
15 without examination except as is necessary to ascertain that each is a single ballot.
16 If 2 or more ballots are folded together so as to appear as a single ballot, the inspectors
17 shall lay them aside until the count is completed; and if, after a comparison of the
18 count and the appearance of the ballots it appears to a majority of the inspectors that
19 the ballots folded together were voted by the same person they may not be counted
20 but the inspectors shall mark them as to the reason for removal, set them aside and
21 carefully preserve them. The inspectors shall then proceed under par. (b).

22 **SECTION 130.** 7.51 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.51 (2) (c) Whenever the number of ballots exceeds the number of voting
24 electors as indicated on the poll ~~or registration~~ list, the inspectors shall place all
25 ballots face up to check for blank ballots. In this paragraph, “blank ballot” means

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1 a ballot on which no votes are cast for any office or question. The inspectors shall
2 mark, lay aside and preserve any blank ballots. If the number of ballots still exceeds
3 the number of voting electors, the inspectors shall place all ballots face down and
4 proceed to check for the initials. The inspectors shall mark, lay aside and preserve
5 any ballot not bearing the initials of 2 inspectors or any absentee ballot not bearing
6 the initials of the municipal clerk. During the count the inspectors shall count those
7 ballots cast by challenged electors the same as the other ballots.

8 **SECTION 131.** 7.51 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 7.51 (2) (e) If, after any ballots have been laid aside, the number of ballots still
10 exceeds the total number of electors recorded on the ~~registration or~~ poll list, the
11 inspectors shall separate the absentee ballots from the other ballots. If there is an
12 excess number of absentee ballots, the inspectors shall place the absentee ballots in
13 the ballot box and one of the inspectors shall publicly and without examination draw
14 therefrom by chance the number of ballots equal to the excess number of absentee
15 ballots. If there is an excess number of other ballots, the inspectors shall place those
16 ballots in the ballot box and one of the inspectors shall publicly and without
17 examination draw therefrom by chance the number of ballots equal to the excess
18 number of those ballots. All ballots so removed may not be counted but shall be
19 specially marked as having been removed by the inspectors on original canvass due
20 to an excess number of ballots, set aside and preserved. When the number of ballots
21 and total shown on the ~~poll or registration~~ list agree, the inspectors shall return all
22 ballots to be counted to the ballot box and shall turn the ballot box in such manner
23 as to thoroughly mix the ballots. The inspectors shall then open, count and record
24 the number of votes. When the ballots are counted, the inspectors shall separate

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1 them into piles for ballots similarly voted. Objections may be made to placement of
2 ballots in the piles at the time the separation is made.

3 **SECTION 132.** 7.51 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.51 (3) (a) The inspectors shall place together all ballots counted by them
5 which relate to any national, state or county office or any state, county or technical
6 college district referendum and secure them together so that they cannot be untied
7 or tampered with without breaking the seal. The secured ballots together with any
8 ballots marked “Defective” shall then be secured by the inspectors in the ballot
9 container in such a manner that the container cannot be opened without breaking
10 the seals or locks, or destroying the container. The inspectors shall place the ballots
11 cast under s. 6.97 in a separate, securely sealed carrier envelope which is clearly
12 marked “Section 6.97 ballots”. The chief inspector and 2 other inspectors shall sign
13 the carrier envelope. The carrier envelope shall not be placed in the ballot container.
14 The inspectors shall then deliver the ballots to the municipal clerk in the ballot
15 container and carrier envelope.

16 **SECTION 133.** 7.51 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 7.51 (4) (a) The tally sheets shall state the total number of votes cast for each
18 office and for each individual receiving votes for that office, whether or not the
19 individual’s name appears on the ballot, and shall state the vote for and against each
20 proposition voted on. Upon completion of the tally sheets, the inspectors shall
21 immediately complete inspectors’ statements in duplicate. The inspectors shall state
22 the excess, if any, by which the number of ballots exceeds the number of electors
23 voting as shown by the poll ~~or registration list~~, if any, and shall state the number of
24 the last elector as shown by the ~~registration or~~ poll lists. At least 3 inspectors,
25 including the chief inspector and, unless election officials are appointed under s. 7.30

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1 (4) (c) without regard to party affiliation, at least one inspector representing each
2 political party, shall then certify to the correctness of the statements and tally sheets
3 and sign their names. All other election officials assisting with the tally shall also
4 certify to the correctness of the tally sheets. When the tally is complete, the
5 inspectors shall publicly announce the results from the statements.

6 **SECTION 134.** 7.51 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 7.51 (5) (a) The inspectors shall make full and accurate return of the votes cast
8 for each candidate and proposition on tally sheet forms provided by the municipal
9 clerk for that purpose. Each tally sheet shall record the returns for each office or
10 referendum by ward, unless combined returns are authorized in accordance with s.
11 5.15 (6) (b) in which case the tally sheet shall record the returns for each group of
12 combined wards. After recording the votes, the inspectors shall seal in a carrier
13 envelope outside the ballot bag or container one inspectors' statement under sub. (4)
14 (a), one tally sheet, and one poll ~~or registration~~ list for delivery to the county clerk,
15 unless the election relates only to municipal or school district offices or referenda.
16 The inspectors shall also similarly seal one inspectors' statement, one tally sheet,
17 and one poll ~~or registration~~ list for delivery to the municipal clerk. For school district
18 elections, except in 1st class cities, the inspectors shall similarly seal one inspectors'
19 statement, one tally sheet, and one poll ~~or registration~~ list for delivery to the school
20 district clerk. The inspectors shall immediately deliver all ballots, statements, tally
21 sheets, lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk.

22 **SECTION 135.** 8.17 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 8.17 (1) (a) Political parties qualifying for a separate ballot under s. 5.62 (1) (b)
24 or (2) shall elect their party committeemen and committeewomen as provided under
25 sub. (5) (b). The function of committeemen and committeewomen is to represent

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1 their neighborhoods in the structure of a political party. Committeemen and
2 committeewomen shall act as liaison representatives between their parties and the
3 residents of the election districts in which they serve. Activities of committeemen
4 and committeewomen shall include, but not be limited to, ~~voter identification~~
5 identifying voters; assistance in voter registration drives; increasing voter
6 participation in political parties; polling and other methods of passing information
7 from residents to political parties and elected public officials; and dissemination of
8 information from public officials to residents. For assistance in those and other
9 activities of interest to a political party, each committeeman and committeewoman
10 may appoint a captain to engage in these activities in each ward, if the election
11 district served by the committeeman or committeewoman includes more than one
12 ward. In an election district which includes more than one ward, the committeeman
13 or committeewoman shall coordinate the activities of the ward captains in promoting
14 the interests of his or her party.

15 **SECTION 136.** 9.01 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 9.01 (1) (b) 1. The board of canvassers shall first compare the ~~registration or~~
17 poll lists and determine the number of voting electors.

18 **SECTION 137.** 10.02 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 10.02 (3) (a) Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote,
20 an elector shall ~~give state~~ his or her name and address ~~before being permitted to vote~~
21 and provide identification if required by federal law. Where ballots are distributed
22 to electors, the initials of 2 inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being
23 permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth or machine and cast
24 his or her ballot, except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be
25 accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may

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1 inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not
2 in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

3 **SECTION 138.** 11.30 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **11.30 (title) Identification Attribution of political contributions,**
5 **disbursements and communications.**

6 **SECTION 139.** 12.13 (3) (u) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 12.13 (3) (u) ~~Present~~ Provide false identification documentation of identity for
8 the purpose of inducing an election official to permit the person or another person to
9 vote.

10 **SECTION 140.** 15.617 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **15.617 Same; council. (1) ELECTION ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL.** There is
12 created in the elections board an election administration council consisting of
13 members appointed by the executive director of the elections board, including the
14 clerk or executive director of the board of election commissioners of the 2 counties or
15 municipalities in this state having the largest population, one or more election
16 officials of other counties or municipalities, representatives of organizations that
17 advocate for the interests of individuals with disabilities and organizations that
18 advocate for the interests of the voting public, and other electors of this state.

19 **SECTION 141.** 19.69 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

20 19.69 (4) **NONAPPLICABILITY.** This section does not apply to any matching
21 program established between the secretary of transportation and the commissioner
22 of the federal social security administration pursuant to an agreement specified
23 under s. 85.61 (2).

24 **SECTION 142.** 51.62 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

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1 51.62 (3) (a) 4. Engage in activities to ensure full participation in the electoral
2 process for eligible electors with mental illness or developmental disabilities,
3 including registering to vote, voting, and obtaining access to polling places.

4 **SECTION 143.** 51.62 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 51.62 (3m) FUNDING. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (7) (md), the
6 department may not distribute more than \$75,000 in each fiscal year and, from the
7 appropriation under s. 20.435 (7) (na), the department shall distribute funds made
8 available under P.L. 107-252 to the protection and advocacy agency for performance
9 of community mental health protection and advocacy services.

10 **SECTION 144.** 59.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 59.05 (2) If a petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the
12 board by at least two-fifths of the legal voters of any county, to be determined by the
13 registration or poll lists of list for the last previous general election held in the county
14 at the time of filing, the names of which voters shall appear on some one of the
15 registration or poll lists of list for such election, present to the board a petition
16 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 asking for a change of the county seat to
17 some other place designated in the petition, the board shall submit the question of
18 removal of the county seat to a vote of the qualified voters of the county. The board
19 shall file the question as provided in s. 8.37. The election shall be held only on the
20 day of the general election, notice of the election shall be given and the election shall
21 be conducted as in the case of the election of officers on that day, and the votes shall
22 be canvassed, certified and returned in the same manner as other votes at that
23 election. The question to be submitted shall be "Shall the county seat of county
24 be removed to?".

25 **SECTION 145.** 85.61 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **85.61 Compliance with federal Help America Vote Act. (1)** The secretary
2 of transportation and the executive director of the elections board shall enter into an
3 agreement to match personally identifiable information on the official registration
4 list maintained by the elections board under s. 6.36 (1) with personally identifiable
5 information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle
6 registration records under ch. 341 to the extent required to enable the secretary of
7 transportation and the executive director of the elections board to verify the accuracy
8 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

9 **(2)** The secretary of transportation shall enter into an agreement with the
10 commissioner of the federal social security administration for the purpose of
11 verifying whether the name, date of birth, and social security number of an
12 individual in the operating record file database under ch. 343 or vehicle registration
13 records under ch. 341 match the information contained in the records of the social
14 security administration. The agreement shall include safeguards to ensure the
15 maintenance of the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information
16 disclosed and procedures to permit the secretary of transportation to use any
17 applicable personally identifiable information disclosed for purposes related to
18 maintenance of departmental records.

19 **SECTION 146.** 117.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 117.20 **(2)** The clerk of each affected school district shall publish notice, as
21 required under s. 8.55, in the territory of that school district. The procedures for
22 school board elections under s. 120.06 ~~(5)~~, (9), (11), (13) and (14) apply to a
23 referendum held under this section. The school board and school district clerk of each
24 affected school district shall each perform, for that school district, the functions
25 assigned to the school board and the school district clerk, respectively, under those

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1 subsections. The form of the ballot shall correspond to the form prescribed by the
2 elections board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). The clerk of each affected school
3 district shall file with the secretary of the board a certified statement prepared by
4 the school district board of canvassers of the results of the referendum in that school
5 district.

6 **SECTION 147.** 120.06 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 148.** 125.05 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 125.05 (2) (h) *Number of electors.* The number of electors in a residence district
9 shall equal not less than the number of names with residences in the district which
10 appear on ~~a~~ the registration list, as defined in s. 5.02 (17). ~~If there is no registration~~
11 ~~list, the number of electors shall equal the number of names with residences in the~~
12 ~~district which appear on a poll list as defined in s. 5.02 (14) compiled at the last~~
13 ~~gubernatorial or presidential election, whichever is most recent, for the residence~~
14 district on the date that the remonstrance, consent, or counter petition is filed. A
15 person whose name does not appear on a registration list ~~or poll list~~ may not sign a
16 protest petition, consent or counter petition.

17 **SECTION 149. Nonstatutory provisions.**

18 (1) The legislative audit bureau is directed to perform a program evaluation
19 audit relating to compliance by the state and local governments with election laws
20 and the appropriateness of procedures used to implement those laws. In its audit,
21 the bureau shall address compliance by the state and local governments with the
22 requirements of this act, specifically including the polling place accessibility
23 requirements under section 5.25 (4) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this act. The
24 bureau shall also address the treatment of any complaints of electors concerning
25 alleged violations of the law, specifically including complaints relating to denial of

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1 the right to vote and denial of the right to corroborate registration information on
2 behalf of electors; any attempts to require electors to provide identification that is
3 not authorized by law; any incidence of an inadequate availability of ballots for all
4 electors who wish to vote; any allegations of elector fraud and the treatment of those
5 allegations; and the appropriateness and legality of procedures used to identify
6 ineligible electors whose names may appear on the registration list. The bureau
7 shall file a report of its findings as described under section 13.94 (1) (b) of the statutes
8 within an appropriate time period following the effective date of this subsection that
9 is determined by the bureau upon consultation with the elections board.

SECTION 150. Initial applicability.

11 (1) The treatment of sections 5.02 (17), 5.05 (15), 6.20, 6.24 (3), (4) (a) and (c),
12 6.26 (1) and (2) (am), (b), and (c), and (8), 6.27, 6.275 (1) (b) to (d), 6.28 (2) (b) and (3),
13 6.29 (2) (a) and (b), 6.32 (4), 6.33 (3), (4), and (5), 6.36 (1), (2) (a) and (c), and (3), 6.40
14 (1) (b) and (2) (b), 6.47 (6), 6.48 (1) (d) and (2) (b), 6.50 (1), (2), (2m), (3) to (6), (7), (9),
15 and (10), 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (intro.) and 2., (b), and (c) 1. and 2., (3), and (7) (c) 2., 6.56 (3)
16 and (4), 6.57, 6.79 (intro.), (1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) (a) and (b), 6.82 (1) (a), 6.86 (3) (a)
17 1. and 2., 6.88 (3) (a), 6.94, 6.95, 7.08 (1) (c), 7.10 (1) (b), 7.15 (1) (c) and (4), 7.23 (1)
18 (c), 7.37 (7), 7.51 (2) (a), (c), and (e), (4) (a), and (5) (a), 9.01 (1) (b) 1., 59.05 (2), 117.20
19 (2), 120.06 (5), and 125.05 (2) (h) of the statutes, the renumbering and amendment
20 of section 6.40 (1) (a) of the statutes, and the creation of section 6.40 (1) (a) 2. and 3.
21 of the statutes first apply with respect to the 2006 spring primary election.

22 **SECTION 151. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after
23 publication, except as follows:

24 (1) The treatment of sections 5.02 (24w), 5.05 (12), 5.25 (4) (a) and (c), 5.91 (15)
25 to (18), 6.869, 7.08 (6), 7.10 (7) and 7.15 (9) of the statutes, the renumbering of section

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1 5.87 of the statutes, and the creation of section 5.87 (2) of the statutes take effect on
2 January 1, 2006.

3 (2) The treatment of sections 5.05 (13), 5.35 (6) (a) 2m. 4., 4a., and 4b., 6.96, 7.08
4 (8), 7.10 (8) and 7.15 (10) of the statutes takes effect on January 1, 2004, or on the
5 day after publication, whichever is later.

6 (END)