



2019 SENATE BILL 246

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.79 (2) (a); and **to create** 6.79 (8) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the requirement for stating name and address prior to voting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a voter to state his or her name and address at the polling place before being permitted to vote. A victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking who has obtained a confidential listing is not required to state his or her name and address, but instead may present an identification card issued by the municipal clerk that contains the person's name and the municipality or county of the person's residence.

Under the bill, if a voter is unable to state his or her name and address because of a disability, the voter may present his or her identification to the election official who verifies that the identification conforms to current law requirements. The election official, or another person selected by the voter, must then state the voter's name and address.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 6.79 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 6.79 (2) (a) Unless information on the poll list is entered electronically, the
5 municipal clerk shall supply the inspectors with 2 copies of the most current official

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1 registration list or lists prepared under s. 6.36 (2) (a) for use as poll lists at the polling
2 place. Except as provided in subs. (6) ~~and~~, (7), and (8), each eligible elector, before
3 receiving a serial number, shall state his or her full name and address and present
4 to the officials proof of identification. The officials shall verify that the name on the
5 proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the poll list
6 or separate list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document
7 reasonably resembles the elector. The officials shall then require the elector to enter
8 his or her signature on the poll list, supplemental list, or separate list maintained
9 under par. (c) unless the elector is exempt from the signature requirement under s.
10 6.36 (2) (a). The officials shall verify that the name and address stated by the elector
11 conform to the elector's name and address on the poll list.

12 **SECTION 2.** 6.79 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

13 **6.79 (8) VOTER UNABLE TO STATE NAME AND ADDRESS.** An elector is not required
14 to state his or her name and address under sub. (2) (a) if the elector is unable to do
15 so because of a disability, but an election official, or another person selected by the
16 elector, shall state the elector's name and address after the election official verifies
17 the elector's proof of identification under sub. (2) (a).

18 (END)