



2019 SENATE BILL 335

August 8, 2019 - Introduced by Senator STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDRUM and RAMTHUN. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 33.30 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** elections to a lake
2 protection and rehabilitation district board of commissioners.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a lake protection and rehabilitation district (district) may be created to carry out a program of lake protection and rehabilitation. Under current law, a district is governed by a board of governors, elected by secret ballot at an annual meeting for staggered three-year terms. This bill establishes certain procedures for such an election, including requiring ballots to be counted and results read immediately at the annual meeting, allowing any candidate or a designee to be present to observe the counting of ballots, and authorizing a runner-up candidate to request a recount if the difference in votes cast for the top two candidates is fewer than ten. If a recount is requested, the bill requires the board secretary to note the request in meeting minutes and requires that the ballots be enclosed in a container sealed with a tamper-evident seal and delivered to the clerk of the most populous town, village, or city in the district. The bill requires that clerk to conduct a recount within two weeks of receiving the ballots, after notifying candidates of the time and location, and allows any candidate or a designee to be present to observe such a recount.

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

