



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 420

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1     **AN ACT to amend** 8.10 (4) (b), 8.15 (2), 8.20 (5) and 8.40 (1) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** providing a printed name for signers of nomination papers and  
3             petitions.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, each individual who signs a nomination paper for a candidate to appear on an election ballot, or who signs a referendum or recall petition, must also list the municipality where the individual resides for voting purposes, the street and number, if any, of the address where the individual resides, and the date on which the individual signed the paper. This bill also requires that each individual who signs a nomination paper or petition legibly print his or her name in a space provided next to his or her signature.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 8.10 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             8.10 (4) (b) Only one signature per person for the same office is valid. In  
6             addition to his or her signature, in order for the signature to be valid, each signer of  
7             a nomination paper shall legibly print his or her name in a space provided next to

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1 his or her signature and shall list his or her municipality of residence for voting  
2 purposes, the street and number, if any, on which the signer resides, and the date of  
3 signing.

4 **SECTION 2.** 8.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 8.15 (2) Only one signature per person for the same office is valid. In addition  
6 to his or her signature, in order for the signature to be valid, each signer of a  
7 nomination paper shall legibly print his or her name in a space provided next to his  
8 or her signature and shall list his or her municipality of residence for voting  
9 purposes, the street and number, if any, on which the signer resides, and the date of  
10 signing.

11 **SECTION 3.** 8.20 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 8.20 (5) Only one signature per person for the same office is valid. In addition  
13 to his or her signature, in order for the signature to be valid, each signer shall legibly  
14 print his or her name in a space provided next to his or her signature and shall list  
15 his or her municipality of residence for voting purposes, the street and number, if any,  
16 on which the signer resides, and the date of signing. Signers of each nomination  
17 paper shall reside in the same jurisdiction or district which the candidate named  
18 therein will represent, if elected.

19 **SECTION 4.** 8.40 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 8.40 (1) In addition to any other requirements provided by law, each separate  
21 sheet of each petition for an election, including a referendum, shall have on the face  
22 at the top in boldface print the word "PETITION". Each signer of such a petition shall  
23 affix his or her signature to the petition, accompanied by his or her municipality of  
24 residence for voting purposes, the street and number, if any, on which the signer  
25 resides, and the date of signing. In addition, each signer shall legibly print his or her

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1 name in a space provided next to his or her signature. No signature is valid under  
2 this subsection unless the signer satisfies the requirements under this subsection.

3 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to nomination papers and petitions for which the initial  
5 circulation date is on or after the effective date of this subsection.

6 (END)