



2023 SENATE BILL 433

September 15, 2023 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, SPREITZER, KNODL, BALLWEG and FELZKOWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives BODDEN, MICHALSKI, C. ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BEHNKE, BROOKS, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DUCHOW, EDMING, GUNDRUM, JOERS, KRUG, MAXEY, RETTINGER, SCHMIDT, SUBECK, ORTIZ-VELEZ and JACOBSON. Referred to Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections and Consumer Protection.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 7.15 (1) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** timeline for sending
2 or transmitting presidential preference primary absentee ballots.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a municipal clerk to send an absentee ballot for each partisan primary, presidential preference primary, and general election to all electors requesting the ballot, including military and overseas electors, no later than the 47th day before the partisan primary, presidential preference primary, or general election or, if the request is not made before that day, within one business day after the request is received. For all other primaries and elections, the municipal clerk must send or transmit the absentee ballot no later than the 21st day before the primary or election or, if the request is not made before that day, within one business day after the request is received.

Under this bill, a municipal clerk must send or transmit an absentee ballot for the presidential preference primary to electors other than military and overseas electors no later than the 21st day before the presidential preference primary. The bill does not alter the 47-day deadline for municipal clerks to send or transmit absentee ballots to military electors and overseas electors for the presidential preference primary.

For further information see the 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:

SENATE BILL 433**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 7.15 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 7.15 (1) (cm) Prepare official absentee ballots for delivery to electors requesting
3 them, and except as provided in this paragraph, send an official absentee ballot to
4 each elector who has requested a ballot by mail, and to each military elector, as
5 defined in s. 6.34 (1), and overseas elector who has requested a ballot by mail,
6 electronic mail, or facsimile transmission, no later than the 47th day before each
7 partisan primary and general election and no later than the 21st day before each
8 other primary and election if the request is made before that day; otherwise, the
9 municipal clerk shall send or transmit an official absentee ballot within one business
10 day of the time the elector’s request for such a ballot is received. The clerk shall send
11 or transmit an absentee ballot for the presidential preference primary to each
12 military elector and overseas elector who has requested that ballot no later than the
13 47th day before the presidential preference primary if the request is made before that
14 day, or, if the request is not made before that day, within one business day of the time
15 the request is received. For purposes of this paragraph, “business day” means any
16 day from Monday to Friday, not including a legal holiday under s. 995.20.

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