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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT ,**  
**TO ASSEMBLY BILL 225**

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 11.20 (8) (c), 11.31, 67.05 (3) (a) 2. and 67.05 (3) (a) 4.; **to**  
2     **renumber** 6.79 (1m); **to renumber and amend** 9.20 (4), 11.20 (3) (a), 11.20 (3)  
3     (b), 11.20 (3) (c), 11.20 (3) (d), 11.20 (3) (f), 11.20 (3) (g), 11.20 (3) (h), 11.20 (3)  
4     (k), 11.20 (3) (L), 11.20 (4), 11.26 (9) (a), 11.26 (9) (b), 13.62 (1) and 67.05 (5) (b);  
5     **to amend** 5.02 (19), 5.056, 5.15 (6) (b), 5.90 (1), 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.28 (1),  
6     6.30 (1), 6.32, 6.33 (1), 6.33 (2) (a), 6.34 (2), 6.34 (3) (a) 8., 6.34 (3) (a) 9., 6.35 (1)  
7     (intro.), 6.36 (2) (a), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 1., 6.40 (1) (c), 6.50 (10), 6.55 (2) (d),  
8     6.79 (2) (c), 6.86 (2) (b), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 7.08 (1) (c), 7.15 (2) (d), 7.30  
9     (2) (a), 7.30 (2) (am), 7.30 (4) (b) 1., 7.30 (4) (b) 2., 7.30 (4) (e), 7.51 (3) (a), 7.52  
10     (8), 8.05 (3) (d), 8.05 (3) (e), 8.06, 9.01 (1) (ag) 1m., 11.05 (1), 11.05 (2), 11.05 (2r),  
11     11.05 (3) (c), 11.05 (12) (b), 11.06 (1) (intro.), 11.06 (1) (a), 11.06 (1) (d), 11.06 (1)  
12     (e), 11.06 (1) (f), 11.06 (1) (g), 11.06 (1) (h), 11.06 (11) (a), 11.07 (1), 11.12 (6), 11.20  
13     (8) (intro.) and (b), 11.20 (12), 11.21 (16), 11.23 (1), 11.26 (1) (a), 11.26 (1) (b),

1 11.26 (1) (c), 11.26 (1) (cn), 11.26 (1) (cw), 11.26 (2) (a), 11.26 (2) (b), 11.26 (2) (c),  
2 11.26 (2) (cn), 11.26 (2) (cw), 11.26 (4), 11.26 (8) (a), 11.26 (8) (b), 11.26 (8) (c),  
3 11.30 (4), 11.38 (1) (a) 1., 11.38 (1) (a) 3., 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.), 13.63 (1) (a), 13.67,  
4 13.695 (1) (a), 13.695 (1) (b), 13.75 (5), 19.45 (8) (b) and (c), 24.66 (3) (b), 24.66  
5 (4), 32.72 (1), 38.15 (1), 38.16 (3) (br) 1., 59.08 (7) (b), 59.605 (3) (a) 1., 60.62 (2),  
6 60.74 (5) (b), 61.187 (1), 61.46 (1), 62.09 (1) (a), 62.13 (6) (b), 64.03 (1), 64.39 (3),  
7 66.0101 (8), 66.0211 (1), 66.0213 (6), 66.0215 (2), 66.0217 (3) (b), 66.0217 (7) (a)  
8 3., 66.0217 (7) (d), 66.0219 (4) (b), 66.0225 (2), 66.0227 (3), 66.0305 (6) (b),  
9 66.0307 (4) (e) 2., 66.0602 (4) (a), 66.0619 (2m) (b), 66.0815 (1) (c), 66.0921 (2),  
10 66.1103 (10) (d), 66.1113 (2) (g), 66.1113 (2) (h), 67.05 (3) (f), 67.05 (4), 67.05 (5)  
11 (a), 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a., 67.05 (6m) (b), 67.10 (5) (b), 67.12 (12) (e) 2., 67.12 (12)  
12 (e) 5., 82.03 (2) (b), 85.61 (1), 86.21 (2) (a), 92.11 (4) (c), 117.20 (2), 119.48 (4) (b),  
13 119.48 (4) (c), 119.49 (1) (b), 119.49 (2), 121.91 (3) (a), 197.04 (1) (b), 197.04 (2),  
14 197.10 (2), 198.19 (1) and 343.027; **to repeal and recreate** 343.027; and **to**  
15 **create** 6.30 (5), 6.34 (2m), 6.34 (3) (a) 12., 6.34 (4), 6.35 (2), 8.065, 11.01 (6) (b)  
16 8. and 9., 11.01 (7) (a) 5. to 7., 11.01 (7) (b) 6. to 8., 11.01 (12m), 11.05 (3) (q), 11.06  
17 (11) (d), 11.06 (13), 11.066, 11.185, 11.20 (1m), 11.20 (3) (a) 2., 11.20 (3) (b) 2.,  
18 11.20 (3) (c) 2., 11.20 (3) (d) 2., 11.20 (3) (f) 2., 11.20 (3) (g) 2., 11.20 (3) (h) 2., 11.20  
19 (3) (k) 2., 11.20 (3) (L) 2., 11.20 (4) (b), 11.26 (2) (ab), 11.26 (2) (ac), 11.26 (2) (ad),  
20 11.26 (9) (a) 1. to 12., 11.26 (9) (b) 1. to 12., 11.26 (18), 11.33 (2m), 13.025, 13.62  
21 (1) (b), 13.62 (12e), 13.68 (1) (bp), 19.42 (11s) and 227.52 (8) of the statutes;

1           **relating to:** various changes in the campaign finance, election, ethics, and  
2           lobbying regulation laws and granting rule-making authority.

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

This substitute amendment makes the following changes to the campaign finance, election, ethics, and lobbying regulation laws:

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

***Expenditures made to solicit contributions to a segregated fund***

Current law permits any corporation, including a foreign corporation and a limited liability company, cooperative, or association, to establish, administer, and solicit contributions to a separate segregated fund set up by the corporation, cooperative, or association for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for state or local office. Although current law prohibits the corporation, association, or cooperative from making a contribution to the segregated fund, the corporation, cooperative, or association may expend up to \$500 annually for the purpose of soliciting contributions. Under this substitute amendment, the amount that a corporation, association, or cooperative may annually expend to solicit contributions to the segregated fund is the greater of \$20,000 or 20 percent of the amount of contributions in the previous year to a segregated fund.

***Contributions by corporations or cooperatives for certain purposes***

Currently, corporations and cooperatives are prohibited from making contributions or disbursements (expenditures) generally in connection with campaigns for state or local office. This prohibition specifically includes contributions or disbursements to political parties. This substitute amendment creates an exception to the prohibition that permits a corporation or cooperative to make a contribution to a committee that is operated exclusively for the purpose of financing the purchase, lease, or maintenance of space for exclusive use by a political party or legislative campaign committee.

***Contribution limits***

Under current law, the limits for contributions by an individual or committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign committee, to a candidate's campaign are as follows:

1. For candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, \$10,000, except that a committee may contribute up to 4 percent of the disbursement level established under current law.
2. For candidates for state senator, \$1,000.
3. For candidates for state assembly representative, \$500.
4. For candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a population of more than 300,000, \$3,000.

5. For candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$1,000.

This substitute amendment doubles the limits for contributions by an individual or committee to candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, justice, state senator, state assembly representative, circuit judge, and district attorney.

Under current law, the total amount that an individual may contribute annually to all candidates for state and local offices, and to persons who are required to register for campaign financing purposes, is \$10,000. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$20,000.

Under current law, a political party may not receive more than \$150,000 in value of its contributions in any biennium from committees, other than political party or legislative campaign committees. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$300,000.

Under current law, a political party may not receive more than \$6,000 in value of its contributions annually from any specific committee, excluding a political party or legislative campaign committee. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$12,000.

The substitute amendment also increases the total value of contributions that a committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign committee, may make to a political party from \$6,000 each year to \$12,000 each year.

Under current law, no individual who is a candidate for state or local office may receive in contributions more than 65 percent of the value of the total disbursement level for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined from all committees, including political party and legislative campaign committees. In addition, no individual who is a candidate for state or local office may receive in contributions more than 45 percent of the value of the total disbursement level for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined from all committees other than political party and legislative campaign committees. Consequently, the amount of the contributions that a candidate may receive from political party or legislative campaign committees is determined by subtracting the amount that represents 45 percent of the value of the total disbursement level from the amount that represents 65 percent of the disbursement level. The disbursement levels under current law do not restrict the total amount of disbursements that may be made by any candidate in any election, but are used only to calculate certain contribution limits.

This substitute amendment eliminates the disbursement levels and specifies the contribution limits for contributions from committees for state and local offices based on the 65 percent/45 percent formula under current law. In addition, the substitute amendment doubles the contribution limits from committees for candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, justice, state senator, state assembly representative, circuit judge, and district attorney.

Finally, the substitute amendment provides that, beginning on July 1, 2015, and every two years thereafter, the Government Accountability Board (GAB) will

modify the contribution limits under the campaign finance laws to adjust for the change in the consumer price index for the preceding two-year period ending on December 31.

***Communications by legislators***

Currently, with certain exceptions, no person who is elected to state or local office and who becomes a candidate for national, state, or local office may use public funds for the cost of materials or distribution of 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material distributed during the period beginning on the first day for circulation of nomination papers as a candidate (or certain other dates for candidates who do not file nomination papers) and ending on the date of the election at which the person's name appears on the ballot, or on the date of the primary election at which the person's name so appears if the person is not nominated at the primary.

This substitute amendment provides that this prohibition does not apply to the cost of materials or distribution of a communication made by a member of the legislature to an address located within the legislative district represented by that member during the 45-day period following declaration of a state of emergency by the governor affecting any county in which the district is located if the communication relates solely to the subject of the emergency.

***Internet political activity; individual and public communications***

Currently, with certain exceptions, payments for political communications are subject to disclosure under the campaign finance law, regardless of the medium that is used to conduct the communications. Payments for Internet communications are treated like payments for other communications. Currently, the cost of news stories, political interviews, editorial commentary, or endorsements, regardless of the medium by which they are distributed, are not contributions or disbursements and therefore are not reportable. The costs of communications by an organization other than a political party or personal campaign committee that are limited to the organization's members, shareholders, or subscribers are generally not reportable. In addition, all services for a political purpose by an individual on behalf of a campaign finance registrant are not reportable and are not subject to the current prohibition on contributions and disbursements by corporations and cooperatives unless the individual performing the services is compensated specifically for those services.

This substitute amendment provides that any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity is not a contribution or disbursement, and is therefore not reportable if it is performed by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person, and if the individual is not compensated specifically for his or her services. This includes the cost or value of any equipment and services used by the individual to conduct the activity, but does not include professional video production services purchased by the individual. The substitute amendment similarly provides that any cost incurred in covering a news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an Internet or other periodical publication, except the cost of a news story that appears in a medium that is owned by a candidate, candidate's authorized committee, or political party, is not

a contribution or disbursement and is therefore not reportable. In addition, the substitute amendment provides specifically that the following are disbursements, and are therefore reportable: a) any payment for a communication to the general public for a political purpose except an Internet communication that is not a disbursement under the substitute amendment; b) any payment for the purchase or rental of an electronic-mail address list that is made at the direction of a campaign finance registrant for a political purpose; or c) any payment for an electronic-mail address list that is transferred to a registrant for a political purpose. The substitute amendment provides however, that the following are not disbursements, and are therefore not reportable: a) a communication or Internet activity by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any electronic equipment and services used by the individual to conduct the activity; or b) a nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

### ***Electronic filing***

Under current law, GAB must require each registrant for whom GAB serves as a filing officer under the campaign finance laws and who or which accepts contributions of \$20,000 or more during a campaign period to file campaign finance reports electronically. In addition, GAB must accept campaign finance reports electronically from any other registrant for whom GAB serves as a filing officer. Current law requires GAB to specify, by rule, software that is suitable for complying with the electronic filing requirement and must provide the software to registrants at a price not to exceed its cost. Any registrant who or which files reports electronically with GAB must also submit a copy of the report to GAB and the copy must be signed by an authorized individual.

Under the substitute amendment, the software that GAB specifies for electronic filing must allow a registrant to provide an electronic signature that is subject to a security procedure. The substitute amendment also eliminates the requirement that a registrant who or which files a report electronically must file a copy with GAB. A registrant who or which files a report electronically may, however, file with GAB that portion of the report signed by an authorized individual rather than submit the electronic signature of that individual.

### ***Itemized statement***

Under current law, each person who is required to report under the campaign finance laws must include in the report an itemized statement regarding each contribution, disbursement, or obligation exceeding \$20. The substitute amendment increase this threshold to \$40.

### ***Campaign finance reporting***

Generally, under current law, registrants participating in a primary or election must file preprimary or preelection reports. Preprimary and preelection reports must be received by a filing officer no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days before the primary and election. Specifically, under current law: 1) a candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at a primary must file preprimary and preelection reports; 2) a candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at an election must file a preelection report; 3) a registered committee or individual

other than a candidate or personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions or disbursements in support of or in opposition to a candidate at a primary or to a committee or individual engaging in such activities must file a preprimary and preelection report; 4) a registered committee or individual other than a candidate or personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions or disbursements in support of or in opposition to a candidate at an election or to a committee or individual engaging in such activities must file a preelection report; 5) a registered group or individual making or accepting contributions or making distributions in support of or in opposition to a referendum appearing on a primary ballot must file a preprimary and preelection report; and 6) a registered group or individual making or accepting contributions or making distributions in support of or in opposition to a referendum appearing on an election ballot must file a preelection report. Under current law, if any report is required to be filed on a nonbusiness day, the report may be filed on the next business day thereafter.

The substitute amendment retains the preprimary and preelection reporting requirements and the flexible filing date in the event that the filing date is a nonbusiness day.

The substitute amendment requires registrants participating in a spring primary or spring election to, annually, file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

The substitute amendment requires those registrants participating in a partisan primary or general election to file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October in an odd-numbered (nonelection) year and, in an even-numbered (election) year, on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of April and July and on the fourth Tuesday of September.

Currently, individuals and committees supporting or opposing candidates for office, and individuals, groups, and corporations supporting or opposing a referendum, must submit reports of contributions received, contributions or disbursements made, and obligations incurred to the appropriate filing officer twice each year: on or after January 1 but no later than January 31; and on or after July 1 but no later than July 20. This substitute amendment changes the reporting requirement as follows: 1) individuals and committees supporting or opposing candidates in a spring primary or election and individuals, groups, and corporations supporting or opposing a referendum appearing on a spring ballot must file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October; 2) individuals and committees supporting or opposing candidates in a partisan primary or general election and individuals, groups, and corporations supporting or opposing a referendum appearing on a general election ballot must, in an odd-numbered (nonelection) year, file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October and, in an even-numbered (election) year, file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of April and July and on the fourth Tuesday of September.

### ***Conduits; campaign finance reporting***

Current law defines a conduit as an individual or organization that receives a contribution of money and transfers the contribution to another individual or

organization without exercising discretion as to either the amount transferred or the individual to whom or organization to which the transfer is made. A transfer of money from a conduit is considered to be a transfer of money from the individual or organization that made the contribution to the conduit. Current law requires conduits to register with GAB; as a registrant, current law also requires a conduit to make financial reports related to contributions and distributions made or received by the conduit. Generally, financial reports must include an itemized statement giving the date, full name and street address of certain contributors, together with the amount of the contribution and the cumulative total contributions made by that contributor for the calendar year; the occupation and name and address of the principal place of employment, if any, of certain individual contributors; cumulative totals for the calendar year of contributions received by the registrant, and disbursements made, including transfers of funds made to or received from other registrants; and a statement of the registrant's cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

This substitute amendment modifies the reporting requirements for conduits to conform with current GAB practice. Current GAB practice requires conduits to file, at each required reporting period, a summary report listing the date of the transfer of money, the complete name and address of each transferee, the total amount transferred to each transferee within the reporting period, and the total amount transferred during the calendar year. Current GAB practice also requires conduits to submit, along with the summary report, a copy of documentation submitted to each transferee. The documentation must: 1) clearly identify that the contribution is from a conduit; 2) identify the name and address of the transferee to whom contributions are transferred, the date the transfer was made, and the total amount transferred; 3) provide the complete name and home address of each individual contributor and the amount of his or her contributions, regardless of the amount; and 4) under certain circumstances, identify the contributor's occupation and the complete name and address of the contributor's principal place of employment.

The substitute amendment also requires conduits to report the beginning and ending balances of cash on hand for each reporting period.

### ***Conduits; redirection of certain unclaimed contributions***

The substitute amendment allows a conduit to redirect contributions made to the conduit but unclaimed for a period of two years to a committee, other than a personal campaign committee, a support committee, a political party, or a legislative campaign committee, that sponsors the conduit if there is such a committee or, if there is not such a committee, to the conduit's administrative fund. Prior to redirecting the unclaimed contribution, the conduit must make at least ten good faith attempts to contact the contributor over the two-year period without success. The conduit may attempt to contact the contributor by U.S. mail, by electronic mail, or by telephone. The required attempts to contact the contributor may not all occur within one 30-day period. The substitute amendment requires the conduit to identify the sponsor on the conduit's registration form and to include on the conduit's



financial report when a contribution is redirected as provided in the substitute amendment.

## **ELECTION ADMINISTRATION**

### ***Proof of residency for voter registration***

With limited exceptions, current law requires each person who is an eligible elector and who wishes to vote in this state to first register. In certain circumstances, an eligible elector must submit proof of residence with his or her registration form or prior to being permitted to vote. (See also ***Electronic voter registration.***) Current law provides a list of qualifying identifying documents and specifies the information that must appear on those documents. Identifying documents must contain the registrant's name and current address and qualifying identifying documents include a real estate tax bill, a bank statement, and a current and valid Wisconsin driver license or identification card.

The substitute amendment adds to the list of qualifying identifying documents a bill for cellular or wireless telephone service for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before election day, a credit card statement for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before election day, and a statement from a financial institution.

### ***Residency of election officials***

Current law generally requires election officials to be qualified electors of the municipality in which the officials serve. In addition, current law generally requires election officials who serve at a polling place to be qualified electors of the ward for which the polling place is established, whenever a municipality is divided into wards. However, special registration deputies who register electors at a polling place on election day, election officials who are appointed to work at a polling place that serves more than one ward, election officials who are reassigned by a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to correct staffing deficiencies, or election officials who are appointed to fill a temporary or permanent vacancy need not be electors of any particular ward, but must be qualified electors of the municipality in which they serve. Officials who are appointed to work at a polling place that serves more than one ward must be electors of one of the wards served by the polling place. A high school pupil who is 16 or 17 years of age may serve as an inspector (poll worker) at the polling place serving his or her residence. In addition, if the municipal clerk or the executive director of a board of election commissioners or a deputy to the clerk or executive director serves as a special registration deputy or is appointed to work at a polling place to fill a vacancy in an inspector position, the clerk, executive director, or deputy need not be a resident of the municipality in which he or she serves. This substitute amendment permits, for up to 50 percent of the positions to be filled, a political party officer to specify the ward for which an individual is nominated to serve. The substitute amendment requires municipalities to appoint individuals who are nominated to serve in a specified ward in the ward for which they are nominated for at least 50 percent of the positions to be filled, unless GAB or the attorney general permits nonappointment for good cause shown. The substitute amendment permits a nominee whose nonappointment is authorized by GAB to

appeal the decision of GAB to the attorney general, who may affirm or reverse the decision of GAB.

Under the substitute amendment, an individual who serves as the chief inspector at a polling place must be a qualified elector of the municipality where he or she serves unless no qualified candidate is available or the chief inspector is appointed to fill a temporary vacancy. Under the substitute amendment, a high school pupil may serve as an inspector at a polling place located in the county in which the pupil's residence is located.

### ***Electronic voter registration***

Currently, a qualified elector may register to vote at any election by mail, in person at the office of the municipal or county clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality or county where the elector resides, or by completing a registration form with a special registration deputy no later than the twentieth day before the election. A qualified elector may also register to vote at an election in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners for the municipality where the elector resides no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. To register, an elector must provide his or her name and address and certain other information required to ascertain his or her eligibility and must sign the form. With certain exceptions, an elector who registers after the twentieth day before an election or an elector who registers by mail and who has not voted before in an election in this state must provide proof of residence prior to voting. Currently, the clerk or board of election commissioners must verify each registration received by mail or submitted by a special registration deputy by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address.

This substitute amendment permits a qualified elector who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to register to vote at an election electronically on a secure Internet site maintained by GAB. The substitute amendment requires an electronic registration to be completed no later than the twentieth day before an election in order to be valid for that election. Under the substitute amendment, a qualified elector enters the same information that appears on the current registration form and authorizes DOT to forward a copy of his or her electronic signature to GAB. The authorization affirms that all information provided by the elector is correct and has the same effect as if the elector signed the form personally. The substitute amendment also permits an elector who is currently registered to vote and who has a current and valid driver's license or identification card to electronically enter a change of name or address using a similar procedure. In accordance with the existing procedure for verifying registrations that are not received at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, the substitute amendment provides that when an electronic registration is received, GAB or the clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of residence must verify each electronic registration by sending a first-class letter or postcard to the registrant at the registrant's address. Except as otherwise permitted under the substitute amendment, if the registrant is voting for the first time in an election in this state, the registrant must provide proof of residence before voting in the election. The

substitute amendment creates one exception which provides that, if an elector who registers electronically provides his or her Wisconsin driver's license number, together with his or her name and date of birth, and GAB can verify the information electronically at the time of registration by electronically accessing DOT's records, the elector need not provide proof of residence prior to voting. The substitute amendment directs GAB and DOT to enter into an agreement that permits GAB to verify the necessary information instantly by accessing DOT's electronic files.

Currently, each municipal clerk and board of election commissioners must maintain a file of voter registration forms for the electors of the municipality. This substitute amendment provides that the clerk or board must maintain registrations that are entered electronically in the manner prescribed by GAB, by rule.

#### ***Verification of certain loans made to registrants***

This substitute amendment provides that if any campaign finance registrant reports that the registrant has received a loan in amount exceeding \$10,000, GAB must, upon request of any individual, require the registrant to substantiate the source and amount of the loan. Currently, GAB requires substantiation only in connection with a routine audit or an investigation of possible unlawful activity.

#### ***Failure of indefinitely confined electors to return absentee ballots***

Currently, an elector who is indefinitely confined may direct the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where he or she resides to send an absentee ballot to the elector for every election. The clerk or board must discontinue this service if the elector fails to return an absentee ballot. Under this substitute amendment, the clerk or board must discontinue this service if the elector fails to return an absentee ballot for two successive regular elections.

#### ***Poll list signature format***

Currently, GAB is directed to prescribe, by rule, the space and location for entry of an elector's signature on a poll list at a polling place. This substitute amendment deletes the rule-making requirement and instead directs GAB to determine the space and location for entry of an elector's signature on the poll list at a polling place.

#### ***Voting by assisted electors***

Currently, if the inspectors (poll workers) are informed that an eligible elector is at the entrance to the polling place and cannot enter because of a disability, the inspectors must bring the elector's ballot together with the poll list to the polling place entrance and accept the elector's ballot at the entrance. This bill provides that the inspectors shall maintain a supplemental poll list for these assisted electors which shall be in the form prescribed by GAB.

#### ***Party representation at the polls***

Currently, polling places are staffed principally by election inspectors. Unless a municipality decides to increase or decrease the number of inspectors, there are seven inspectors at each polling place. With certain exceptions, the individuals who are appointed as inspectors at a polling place are drawn from nominations submitted by the political parties whose candidates for president or governor received the most votes in the area served by the polling place at the preceding general election, with

the party whose candidate received the most votes entitled to fill one more position than the other party.

This substitute amendment provides that whenever two or more inspectors are required to perform a function within a polling place and both parties that are entitled to submit nominees have done so, the chief inspector must assign, insofar as practicable, an equal number of inspectors from the nominees of each party.

#### ***Securing ballot containers***

Under current law, election inspectors take all ballots counted by them and secure the ballots together so that they cannot be separated or tampered with without breaking a seal. The inspectors then put the secured ballots into a ballot container and secure the container so that it cannot be opened without breaking a seal or lock or without destroying the container. Under this substitute amendment, only the chief inspector and one other inspector whose party affiliation is different from the chief inspector's party affiliation may secure the ballot container.

#### ***Reporting of election returns by municipalities***

Currently, the voters of each ward vote at the same polling place, which is generally separate from other polling places in a municipality. Election returns are reported by ward unless otherwise authorized by law. Currently, no later than 60 days before each September primary and general election, and no later than 30 days before each other election, the governing body of a municipality may combine two or more wards for voting purposes to permit the use of a common polling place. In municipalities with a population of 35,000 or more, a municipality must continue to report all election returns by ward even where wards are combined for voting purposes at a single location. Other municipalities may report returns for combined wards together unless a separate ballot is required in a partisan election, in which case separate returns must be reported for the offices listed on each separate ballot so that the results of the various elections may be determined.

Under this substitute amendment, any municipality having a population of 35,000 or more may provide that election returns for any ward having a population of 20 or less will be combined with returns for any adjacent ward, unless separate returns are required to determine the results of an election. A municipality, however, may not combine wards if the total population of the combined wards would exceed the applicable population range for wards in that municipality. The substitute amendment allows the municipal clerk to estimate ward populations for the purpose of combining returns if the population cannot be determined from census results.

#### ***Recounting votes cast with automatic tabulating equipment***

Currently, with a limited exception, a board of canvassers must use automatic tabulating equipment to conduct a recount of ballots that are in machine-readable form. However, a candidate, or an elector if the recount is for a referendum question, may petition the circuit court for an order requiring ballots in machine-readable form to be recounted by hand or by another method approved by the court. To obtain such an order, the candidate or elector must show by clear and convincing evidence that due to an irregularity, defect, or mistake committed during the voting or canvassing process the results of a recount using automatic tabulating equipment will produce incorrect results and there is a substantial probability that recounting

the ballots by hand or by another method will produce a more correct result and change the outcome of the election.

This bill permits the board of canvassers conducting a recount to determine to conduct the recount of a specific election by hand unless a court orders the recount to be conducted by another method. The board of canvassers may also determine to recount by hand for only certain wards or election districts.

### ***Fees for election recounts***

Currently, any candidate who receives votes in an election and any elector who votes in a referendum may petition for a recount of the votes cast. If the difference between the votes cast for the leading candidate and those cast for the petitioner or the difference between the affirmative and negative votes cast upon any referendum question is at least ten votes if 1,000 or fewer votes are cast or more than 0.5 percent but not more than 2 percent of the total votes if more than 1,000 votes are cast, the petitioner must pay a fee of \$5 per ward or \$5 per municipality if a municipality is not divided into wards. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$25 per ward or \$25 per municipality if a municipality is not divided into wards.

## **LOBBYING**

### ***Reporting of attempts to influence legislative action by state agencies***

Current law requires employees and officers of state agencies who attempt to influence legislative action to biennially file a statement that identifies the name of the agency; the name, title, and salary paid to the employee or officer; the amount of time spent on the activity; and the general area of legislative action the employee or officer has attempted to influence. For purposes of this requirement, the statutes define “agency” to mean “any board, commission, department, office, society, institution of higher education, council, or committee in the state government” and certain authorities created under state law, except that “agency” does not include a council or committee of the legislature. This substitute amendment requires the officer or employee to report the number of each introduced bill on which the officer or employee attempts to influence legislative action.

### ***Attempts to influence state procurement decisions***

Under current law, no former state public official, other than a former legislator or legislative employee, may, for compensation, do any of the following on behalf of any person other than a governmental entity for a period of 12 months following the date on which he or she ceases to be a state public official: 1) make any formal or informal appearance before, or negotiate with, any officer or employee of the agency with which he or she was associated as a state public official within the 12 months prior to the date on which he or she ceased to be a state public official; or 2) make any formal or informal appearance before, or negotiate with, any officer or employee of an agency in connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding, application, contract, claim, or charge which might give rise to a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding which was under the former official’s responsibility as a state public official within the 12 months prior to the date on which he or she ceased to be a state public official. Also under current law, no former state public official, other than a former legislator or legislative employee, may, for compensation, act on behalf of any

party other than the state in connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding, application, contract, claim, or charge that might give rise to a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding in which the former official participated personally and substantially as a state public official.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$5,000 for each violation. Intentional violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and are subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both for each violation.

This substitute amendment adds “proposed procurement” to the matters that a former state public official is prohibited from attempting to influence for compensation under the current restrictions.

Currently, with certain exceptions, a principal that engages a lobbyist to attempt to influence state lawmaking or rulemaking on the principal’s behalf must register and file semiannual reports with GAB containing specified information. This substitute amendment also requires registration and reporting, subject to the same exceptions, by any principal, whether or not currently subject to registration and reporting requirements, that engages a lobbyist to attempt to influence the specifications for or the award of any state procurement contract or order on behalf of the principal. Under the substitute amendment, a principal must report any proposed procurement with respect to which the principal attempts to influence administrative action, as well as the principal’s reasonable estimate of its time spent in lobbying associated with that procurement.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$5,000 for each violation, except that a principal that fails to report a proposed procurement that the principal is attempting to influence is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$25 to \$100, depending upon whether the violation constitutes a first or subsequent offense within a three-year period. A principal that files a report that the principal does not believe is true is guilty of a felony and is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than six years or both for each violation.

### ***Campaign contributions by lobbyists***

Currently, a lobbyist may make a campaign contribution to a partisan elective state official or candidate for partisan elective state office in the year of the official’s or candidate’s election between June 1 and the day of the election. This substitute amendment extends the time during which a lobbyist may make such a contribution to between the first day authorized by law for the circulation of nomination papers as a candidate and the day of the election.

## **ETHICS**

### ***Ethics training for lobbyists and legislators***

Currently, GAB administers programs to explain the laws that regulate lobbying and prescribe codes of ethics for state public and elected officials. These programs are offered to state public officials, elective public officials, and candidates for public office, among others. This substitute amendment requires any person seeking a license to practice as a lobbyist to complete four hours of ethics training administered by GAB within the 24 months preceding the individual’s application to practice as a lobbyist. The substitute amendment also requires each member of

the legislature to complete four hours of ethics training administered by GAB prior to taking the oath of legislative office.

## **REFERENDUMS**

### ***Scheduling of referendums***

Currently, a local government may schedule, or may be required to schedule, a referendum to be held under various laws for various purposes, including to apply for a state trust fund loan, to approve the issuance of bonds, to exceed an applicable levy limit, or to annex territory. In some cases, a referendum must be held at a special election scheduled for that purpose. In other cases, a referendum may be held concurrently with a specified election, such as the spring election. In still other cases, a referendum may be held with any election or at a special election scheduled for that purpose. Current law occasionally requires the local government to schedule a referendum within a specified time after a precipitating action, such as two months after the filing of a petition or application or no sooner than 42 days after the filing of a resolution. Although more restrictive limitations do apply, current law generally requires any measure or question to be submitted to a vote of the people, and any petition requesting that a measure or question be submitted to a vote of the people, to be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots for the election no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the measure or question will appear on the ballot.

This substitute amendment provides that a local governmental unit may schedule a referendum only concurrently with a spring primary (held in most election districts in each year), a spring election (held in each year), a partisan primary (held on the second Tuesday in August in an even-numbered year), or a general election (held in even-numbered years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November) or at a special election held to fill vacancies. The substitute amendment generally permits a referendum to be held at any of the specified elections, including the next available election following the precipitating action if holding the referendum at that election would be consistent with any applicable restrictions on the number of days that must pass after a precipitating action or the general provision that a measure, question, or petition be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the measure or question will appear on the ballot.

### ***Registration***

Under current law, before any group makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations exceeding \$750 in the aggregate in any year to promote or oppose a referendum, or before any individual accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations exceeding \$750 in the aggregate in any year for such purpose, that group or individual must file a registration statement with the appropriate filing officer. This substitute amendment increases the

threshold for filing a registration statement for referendum–related activity from \$750 to \$2,500.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (19) of the statutes is amended to read:

3           5.02 (19) “Special election” means any election, other than those described in  
4 subs. (5), ~~(18)~~ (12s), (21) and (22), to fill vacancies ~~or to conduct a referendum.~~

5           **SECTION 2.** 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

6           **5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation.** The  
7 administrator of the elections division of the board shall enter into the agreement  
8 with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally  
9 identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the board  
10 under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally  
11 identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation.

12           **SECTION 3.** 5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           5.15 (6) (b) No later than 30 days before each election, the governing body of  
14 any municipality may by resolution combine 2 or more wards for voting purposes to  
15 facilitate using a common polling place. Whenever wards are so combined, the  
16 original ward numbers shall continue to be utilized for all official purposes. Except  
17 as otherwise authorized under this paragraph, every municipality having a  
18 population of 35,000 or more shall maintain separate returns for each ward so  
19 combined. In municipalities having a population of 35,000 or more, the governing  
20 body may provide in a resolution that returns for any ward having a population of  
21 20 or less be combined with returns for any adjacent ward, if the total population of  
22 the combined wards does not exceed the applicable population range under sub. (2)



1 (b) for wards in that municipality. In municipalities having a population of less than  
2 35,000, the governing body may provide in the resolution that returns shall be  
3 maintained only for each group of combined wards at any election. Whenever a  
4 governing body provides ~~for common ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines,~~  
5 that returns shall be maintained only for combined wards under this paragraph, the  
6 municipality shall report separate returns ~~shall be maintained~~ results for each  
7 separate ballot required under ss. ~~5.62 and 5.58 to 5.64~~ at the ~~partisan primary and~~  
8 ~~general election.~~ The municipal clerk shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the  
9 county clerk of each county in which the municipality is contained. In municipalities  
10 having a population of less than 35,000, the resolution shall remain in effect for each  
11 election until modified or rescinded, or until a new division is made under this  
12 section. Whenever needed for purposes of this paragraph, the municipal clerk shall  
13 determine the population of each ward in his or her municipality. If the population  
14 of a ward cannot be determined from census results, the clerk shall determine the  
15 population of the smallest unit encompassing the entire ward that can be determined  
16 from census results. The clerk shall then divide the land area of the ward by the land  
17 area of that unit. The clerk shall then multiply that result by the population of the  
18 unit to determine the population of the ward for purposes of this paragraph.

19 **SECTION 4.** 5.90 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 5.90 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, recounts of votes cast  
21 on an electronic voting system shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in s. 9.01.  
22 Except as provided in this subsection, sub. (2), and s. 9.01 (1) (b) 8s., if the ballots are  
23 distributed to the electors, the board of canvassers shall recount the ballots with  
24 automatic tabulating equipment. The board of canvassers shall test the automatic  
25 tabulating equipment to be used prior to the recount as provided in s. 5.84, and then

1 the official ballots or the record of the votes cast shall be recounted on the automatic  
2 tabulating equipment. In addition, the board of canvassers shall check the ballots  
3 for the presence or absence of the initials and other distinguishing marks, shall  
4 examine the ballots marked “Rejected”, “Defective” and “Objected to” to determine  
5 the propriety of such labels, and shall compare the “Duplicate Overvoted Ballots”  
6 and “Duplicate Damaged Ballots” with their respective originals to determine the  
7 correctness of the duplicates. Unless a court orders a recount to be conducted by  
8 another method under sub. (2), the board of canvassers may determine to conduct the  
9 recount of a specific election by hand and may determine to conduct the recount by  
10 hand for only certain wards or election districts. If electronic voting machines are  
11 used, the board of canvassers shall perform the recount using the permanent paper  
12 record of the votes cast by each elector, as generated by the machines.

13 **SECTION 5.** 6.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.24 (3) REGISTRATION. The overseas elector shall register in the municipality  
15 where he or she was last domiciled or where the overseas elector’s parent was last  
16 domiciled on a form prescribed by the board designed to ascertain the elector’s  
17 qualifications under this section. The form shall be substantially similar to the  
18 original form under s. 6.33 (1), insofar as applicable. Registration shall be  
19 accomplished in accordance with s. 6.30 (4) or (5).

20 **SECTION 6.** 6.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 6.275 (1) (b) The total number of electors of the municipality residing in that  
22 county who were preregistered on the deadline specified in s. 6.28 (1), including valid  
23 mail registrations which are postmarked by that day and valid electronic  
24 registrations entered under s. 6.30 (5).

25 **SECTION 7.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,  
2           6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.  
3           on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under s.  
4           6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later  
5           than the 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Electronic registration for an  
6           election under s. 6.30 (5) shall close at midnight on the 3rd Wednesday preceding the  
7           election. All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made  
8           throughout the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the  
9           office of the municipal clerk, at the office of the county clerk, or at other locations  
10          provided by the board of election commissioners or the common council in cities over  
11          500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or the common council,  
12          village or town board in all other municipalities. Other registration locations may  
13          include but are not limited to fire houses, police stations, public libraries, institutions  
14          of higher education, supermarkets, community centers, plants and factories, banks,  
15          savings and loan associations and savings banks. Special registration deputies shall  
16          be appointed for each location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the  
17          board of election commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An  
18          elector who wishes to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at  
19          the office of the municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

20           **SECTION 8.** 6.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           6.30 (1) IN PERSON. An elector shall apply for registration in person, except as  
22          provided under ~~sub.~~ subs. (4) and (5) and s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2.

23           **SECTION 9.** 6.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

24           6.30 (5) BY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION. Any eligible elector who holds a current  
25          and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification

1 card issued under s. 343.50 may register electronically in the manner prescribed by  
2 the board. The board shall maintain on the Internet a secure registration form that  
3 enables the elector to enter the information required under s. 6.33 (1) electronically.  
4 The form shall contain an authorization for the board to obtain from the department  
5 of transportation an electronic copy of the applicant's signature, which signature  
6 shall constitute an affirmance that all information provided by the elector is correct  
7 and shall have the same effect as if the applicant had signed the application  
8 personally. Upon submittal of the electronic application, the board shall obtain from  
9 the department of transportation a copy of the electronic signature of the applicant  
10 and shall integrate the signature into the applicant's electronic application. The  
11 board shall maintain the electronically integrated application on file together with  
12 nonelectronic applications and shall notify the municipal clerk or board of election  
13 commissioners of the municipality where the applicant resides of its receipt of each  
14 completed application. The board shall also permit any elector who has a current and  
15 valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid  
16 identification card issued under s. 343.50 to make changes in his or her registration  
17 authorized under s. 6.40 (1) at the same Internet site that is used by electors for  
18 original registration under this subsection. An elector shall attest to the correctness  
19 of any changes in the same manner as provided in this subsection for information  
20 entered on an application for original registration.

21 **SECTION 10.** 6.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **6.32 Verification of certain registrations.** (1) Upon receipt of a  
23 registration form that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) or by electronic  
24 application under s. 6.30 (5) or that is submitted by a special registration deputy

1 appointed under s. 6.26, the board or municipal clerk shall examine the form for  
2 sufficiency.

3 (2) If the form is insufficient to accomplish registration or the board or clerk  
4 knows or has reliable information that the proposed elector is not qualified, the board  
5 or clerk shall notify the proposed elector within 5 days, if possible, and request that  
6 the elector appear at the clerk's office or ~~other~~ another registration center location  
7 to complete a proper registration or substantiate the information presented.

8 (3) If the form is submitted later than the close of registration, the board or  
9 clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector that he or she may register  
10 at the clerk's office under s. 6.29 or at the proper polling place or other location  
11 designated under s. 6.55 (2).

12 (4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the board or clerk has  
13 no reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the  
14 board or clerk shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a  
15 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward ~~or~~ and  
16 aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall be  
17 sent within 10 days of receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or if  
18 the board or clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified by the  
19 elector, the board or clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from  
20 eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal  
21 regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the board or clerk if the elector does  
22 not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

23 **SECTION 11.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.33 (1) The board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration  
25 forms. All nonelectronic forms shall be printed on cards and each item of information

1 shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. Except as provided in this  
2 subsection, electronic forms shall contain the same information as nonelectronic  
3 forms. The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient forms to meet voter registration  
4 needs. The forms shall be designed to obtain from each applicant information as to  
5 name; date; residence location; location of previous residence immediately before  
6 moving to current residence location; citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of  
7 a current and valid operator’s license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last  
8 4 digits of the elector’s social security account number; whether the applicant has  
9 resided within the ward or election district for at least ~~28~~ the number of consecutive  
10 days specified in s. 6.02 (1); whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony for  
11 which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so, whether the applicant is  
12 incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended supervision; whether the applicant  
13 is disqualified on any other ground from voting; and whether the applicant is  
14 currently registered to vote at any other location. ~~The~~ Except as provided in s. 6.30  
15 (5), the form shall include a space for the applicant’s signature. Below the space for  
16 the signature, the form shall state “Falsification of information on this form is  
17 punishable under Wisconsin law as a Class I felony.” The form shall include a space  
18 to enter the name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or  
19 inspector, municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and  
20 a space for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name,  
21 affirming that the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form.  
22 The form shall include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district, if any,  
23 where the elector resides and any other information required to determine the offices  
24 and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The form shall also include  
25 a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by

1 mail or by electronic application, a space where the clerk may record an indication  
2 of the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence  
3 under s. 6.34 or an indication that the elector's information in lieu of proof of  
4 residence was verified under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and a space where the  
5 clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card issued to the  
6 person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number appearing on  
7 the voting identification card. Each county clerk shall obtain sufficient registration  
8 forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the  
9 county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

10 **SECTION 12.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward  
12 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the  
13 indication of whether the registration is received by mail or by electronic application,  
14 the type of identifying document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under  
15 s. 6.34 or the indication of verification of information in lieu of proof of residence  
16 under s. 6.34 (2m), whenever required, and any information relating to an applicant's  
17 voting identification card shall be recorded by the clerk. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in  
18 s. 6.30 (5), each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless the applicant is  
19 unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case, the applicant  
20 may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If the applicant  
21 so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement that the  
22 application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector who is  
23 unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

24 **SECTION 13.** 6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           6.34 (2) Upon completion of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33, each  
2 eligible elector who is required to register under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector  
3 or an overseas elector, and who registers after the close of registration under s. 6.29  
4 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., shall provide ~~an one of the identifying document that establishes~~  
5 ~~documents specified in sub. (3) to establish proof of residence under sub. (3).~~ ~~Each.~~  
6 Except as authorized in sub. (2m), each eligible elector who is required to register  
7 under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector, who registers by  
8 mail or by electronic application, and who has not voted in an election in this state  
9 shall, if voting in person, provide ~~an one of the identifying document that establishes~~  
10 ~~documents specified in sub. (3) to establish proof of residence under sub. (3) or, if~~  
11 voting by absentee ballot, provide a copy of an identifying document specified in sub.  
12 (3) that establishes proof of residence under in sub. (3). If the elector registered by  
13 mail or by electronic application, the identifying document may not be a residential  
14 lease.

15           **SECTION 14.** 6.34 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

16           6.34 (2m) An elector who registers by electronic application under s. 6.30 (5)  
17 is not required to provide proof of residence under sub. (2) if, at the time of  
18 registration, the elector provides the number of a current and valid operator's license  
19 issued under ch. 343 together with the elector's name and date of birth and the board  
20 is able to verify the information using the system maintained under sub. (4).

21           **SECTION 15.** 6.34 (3) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

22           6.34 (3) (a) 8. A utility bill, including a bill for cellular or wireless telephone  
23 service, for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the day  
24 registration is made.

25           **SECTION 16.** 6.34 (3) (a) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:



1           6.34 (3) (a) 9. A bank statement from a financial institution, as defined in s.  
2           705.01 (3).

3           **SECTION 17.** 6.34 (3) (a) 12. of the statutes is created to read:

4           6.34 (3) (a) 12. A credit card statement for the period commencing not earlier  
5           than 90 days before the day registration is made.

6           **SECTION 18.** 6.34 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

7           6.34 (4) The board shall maintain a system that electronically verifies, on an  
8           instant basis, information submitted in lieu of proof of residence under sub. (2m),  
9           using the information maintained by the department of transportation pursuant to  
10          the board's agreement with the secretary of transportation under s. 85.61 (1).

11          **SECTION 19.** 6.35 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12          6.35 (1) (intro.) Under the direction of the municipal clerk or board of election  
13          commissioners, the original registration forms shall be filed in one of the following  
14          ways, except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (1m) and (2):

15          **SECTION 20.** 6.35 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

16          6.35 (2) The board shall prescribe, by rule, the procedure and methods by which  
17          municipal clerks and boards of election commissioners shall maintain records of  
18          registrations that are entered electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

19          **SECTION 21.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20          6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), each registration list prepared for use  
21          as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee ballots at an  
22          election shall contain the full name and address of each registered elector; a blank  
23          column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they vote or the poll  
24          list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in canvassing  
25          absentee ballots; an indication next to the name of each elector for whom proof of

1 residence under s. 6.34 is required; a space for entry of the elector’s signature, or if  
2 another person signed the elector’s registration form for the elector by reason of the  
3 elector’s physical disability, the word “exempt”; and a form of certificate bearing the  
4 certification of the administrator of the elections division of the board stating that  
5 the list is a true and complete registration list of the municipality or the ward or  
6 wards for which the list is prepared. The board shall, ~~by rule, prescribe~~ determine  
7 the space and location for entry of each elector’s signature on the poll list ~~which.~~ The  
8 board shall provide for entry of the elector’s signature without changing the  
9 orientation of the poll list from the orientation used by the election officials.

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

11 6.36 (2) (c) The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication  
12 of whether proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to be permitted  
13 to vote. ~~Proof~~ Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required if  
14 the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registers by  
15 mail or by electronic application and has not previously voted in an election in this  
16 state.

17 **SECTION 23.** 6.40 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.40 (1) (a) 1. Any registered elector may transfer registration after a change  
19 of residence within the state by filing in person with the municipal clerk of the  
20 municipality where the elector resides or by mailing to the municipal clerk a signed  
21 request stating his or her present address, affirming that this will be his or her  
22 residence for ~~28~~ the number of consecutive days specified in s. 6.02 (1) prior to the  
23 election, and providing the address where he or she was last registered.  
24 Alternatively, the elector may transfer his or her registration at the proper polling  
25 place or other registration location under s. 6.02 (2) in accordance with s. 6.55 (2) (a),

1 or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to the elector under  
2 ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued to the elector under s. 343.50,  
3 the elector may transfer his or her registration electronically under s. 6.30 (5). If an  
4 elector is voting in the ward or election district where the elector formerly resided,  
5 the change shall be effective for the next election.

6 **SECTION 24.** 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.40 (1) (c) *Name change.* Whenever an elector's name is legally changed,  
8 including a change by marriage or divorce, the elector shall transfer his or her  
9 registration to his or her legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the  
10 municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name.  
11 Alternatively, a registered elector may make notification of a name change at his or  
12 her polling place under s. 6.55 (2) (d), or, if the elector has a current and valid  
13 operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid  
14 identification card issued under s. 343.50, the elector may make notification of a  
15 name change electronically under s. 6.30 (5).

16 **SECTION 25.** 6.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.50 (10) Any qualified elector whose registration is changed from eligible to  
18 ineligible status under this section may reregister as provided under s. 6.28 (1), 6.29  
19 (2), or 6.55 (2), or, if the elector has a current and valid operator's license issued to  
20 the elector under ch. 343 or a current and valid identification card issued under s.  
21 343.50, may reregister under s. 6.30 (5).

22 **SECTION 26.** 6.55 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.55 (2) (d) A registered elector who has changed his or her name but resides  
24 at the same address, and has not notified the municipal clerk previously provided  
25 notice of the change under s. 6.40 (1) (c), shall notify the inspector of the change

1 before voting. The inspector shall then notify the municipal clerk at the time when  
2 materials are returned under s. 6.56 (1). If an elector has changed both a name and  
3 address, the elector shall register at the polling place or other registration location  
4 under pars. (a) and (b).

5 **SECTION 27.** 6.79 (1m) of the statutes is renumbered 6.79 (1).

6 **SECTION 28.** 6.79 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.79 (2) (c) The officials shall maintain separate lists for electors who are voting  
8 under s. 6.15, 6.29, ~~or 6.55 (2) or (3)~~, or 6.82 (1) and electors who are reassigned from  
9 another polling place under s. 5.25 (5) (b) and shall enter the full name, address, and  
10 serial number of each of these electors on the appropriate separate list.  
11 Alternatively, if the poll list is maintained electronically, the officials may enter on  
12 the poll list the information that would otherwise appear on a separate list if the  
13 information that would be obtainable from a separate list is entered on the poll list.  
14 The board shall prescribe the form of the separate list for electors voting under s. 6.82  
15 (1).

16 **SECTION 29.** 6.86 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.86 (2) (b) The mailing list established under this subsection shall be kept  
18 current through all possible means. If an elector fails to cast and return an absentee  
19 ballot received under this subsection in 2 successive regular elections, the clerk shall  
20 notify the elector by 1st class letter or postcard that his or her name will be removed  
21 from the mailing list unless the clerk receives a renewal of the application within 30  
22 days of the notification. The clerk shall remove from the list the name of each elector  
23 who does not apply for renewal within the 30–day period. The clerk shall remove the  
24 name of any other elector from the list upon request of the elector or upon receipt of  
25 reliable information that an elector no longer qualifies for the service. The clerk shall

1 notify the elector of such action not taken at the elector’s request within 5 days, if  
2 possible.

3 **SECTION 30.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form  
5 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier  
6 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.  
7 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by  
8 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by  
9 absentee ballot. If Except as provided in s. 6.34 (2m), if the elector is registering for  
10 the election after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail or by  
11 electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state, the municipal  
12 clerk shall inform the agent that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the  
13 elector shall enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope with the ballot.  
14 The clerk shall verify that the name on any required proof of identification presented  
15 by the agent conforms to the name on the elector’s application. The clerk shall then  
16 enter his or her initials on the carrier envelope indicating that the agent presented  
17 proof of identification to the clerk. The agent is not required to enter a signature on  
18 the registration list. The ballot shall be sealed by the elector and returned to the  
19 municipal clerk either by mail or by personal delivery of the agent; but if the ballot  
20 is returned on the day of the election, the agent shall make personal delivery to the  
21 polling place serving the hospitalized elector’s residence before the closing hour or,  
22 in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the  
23 municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

24 **SECTION 31.** 6.87 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

1           6.87 (4) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting  
2 absentee shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an  
3 adult U.S. citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the  
4 ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the elector’s vote is cast. The elector  
5 shall then, still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and  
6 so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper  
7 envelope. If a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the  
8 ballot so that the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the  
9 proper envelope. If proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the document  
10 enclosed by the elector under this subdivision does not constitute proof of residence  
11 under s. 6.34, the elector shall also enclose proof of residence under s. 6.34 in the  
12 envelope. Proof Except as authorized in s. 6.34 (2m), proof of residence is required  
13 if the elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registered  
14 by mail or by electronic application and has not voted in an election in this state. If  
15 the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail  
16 under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request  
17 which bears an original signature of the elector. The elector may receive assistance  
18 under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be sealed. The witness may not be  
19 a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, or delivered in person, to  
20 the municipal clerk issuing the ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a  
21 location outside the United States, the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the  
22 ballot qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an  
23 unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector’s votes  
24 are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot  
25 prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary

1 which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by  
2 the elector for candidates in the primary.

3 **SECTION 32.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4) and (5), 6.33  
5 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), 6.79 (2) (c), and 6.86 (2) to (3). All  
6 such forms shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent  
7 registration or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished  
8 by the board.

9 **SECTION 33.** 7.15 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 7.15 (2) (d) Whenever the governing body of any municipality submits any  
11 question to a vote of the electors or whenever a proper recall petition and certificate  
12 are filed under s. 9.10, the municipal clerk shall issue a call for the election and  
13 prepare and distribute ballots as required in the authorization of submission or as  
14 provided in s. 9.10. The date of the referendum shall be ~~fixed~~ established in  
15 accordance with ss. 8.065 and 8.37 and shall be determined by the municipal clerk  
16 or board of election commissioners unless otherwise provided by law or unless the  
17 governing body ~~fixes a~~ determines the date. If the governing body determines the  
18 date, the date shall be established in accordance with ss. 8.065 and 8.37. The ballot  
19 for any referendum shall conform to s. 5.64 (2). If there is already an official  
20 municipal referendum ballot for the election, the question may appear on the same  
21 ballot.

22 **SECTION 34.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may  
24 conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in ss. 7.15  
25 (1) (k) and 7.52 (1) (b), each election official shall be a qualified elector of the ward

1 or wards, or the election district, for which the polling place is established. A special  
2 registration deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official who is  
3 appointed under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident  
4 of the ward or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the  
5 municipality, except that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration  
6 deputy or is appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need  
7 not be a resident of the ~~municipality~~ county, but shall be a resident of the state. No  
8 more than 2 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without  
9 regard to ~~municipal~~ county residency in any municipality at any election. Special  
10 registration deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve  
11 more than one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able  
12 to read and write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding,  
13 and may not be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they  
14 serve. In 1st class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public.  
15 Except as authorized under subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated  
16 with one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of  
17 votes for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward  
18 or combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. Excluding  
19 the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the  
20 largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the  
21 next largest number of votes at each polling place. Election officials appointed under  
22 this section may serve the electors of more than one ward where wards are combined  
23 under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into wards, the ward  
24 requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large. Whenever 2 or  
25 more inspectors are required to perform a function within a polling place and both



1 parties that are entitled to submit nominees have done so, the chief inspector shall  
2 assign, insofar as practicable, an equal number of inspectors from the nominees of  
3 each party.

4 **SECTION 35.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is  
6 16 or 17 years of age and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school  
7 or in a tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), may serve as an inspector at the  
8 a polling place serving located in the county in which the pupil's residence is located,  
9 with the approval of the pupil's parent or guardian. Any pupil who has at least a 3.0  
10 grade point average or the equivalent may serve. In addition, a school board or  
11 governing body of a private school or tribal school may establish criteria for service  
12 by a pupil who does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent.  
13 A pupil may serve as an inspector at a polling place under this paragraph only if at  
14 least one election official at the polling place other than the chief inspector is a  
15 qualified elector of this state. No pupil may serve as chief inspector at a polling place  
16 under this paragraph. Before appointment by any municipality of a pupil as an  
17 inspector under this paragraph, the municipal clerk shall obtain written  
18 authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian for the pupil to serve for the  
19 election for which he or she is appointed. In addition, if a pupil does not have at least  
20 a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent, the municipal clerk shall obtain written  
21 certification from the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled that the pupil  
22 meets any criteria established by the school board or governing body for service as  
23 an inspector. Upon appointment of a pupil to serve as an inspector, the municipal  
24 clerk shall notify the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled of the name

1 of the pupil and the date of the election at which the pupil has been appointed to  
2 serve.

3 **SECTION 36.** 7.30 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.30 (4) (b) 1. In cities where there is a board of election commissioners, the  
5 aldermanic district ~~committeemen or committeewomen~~ committee members under  
6 s. 8.17 of each of the 2 dominant recognized political parties shall submit a certified  
7 list no later than November 30 of each odd-numbered year containing the names of  
8 at least as many nominees as there are inspectors from that party for each of the  
9 voting wards in the aldermanic district. The committee members shall include the  
10 address of each nominee in the list and may, for not more than 50 percent of the  
11 positions to be filled, specify the ward for which the nominee is nominated to serve.

12 For inspectors serving under s. 7.52 (1) (b), the aldermanic district ~~committeemen~~  
13 ~~and committeewomen~~ committee members under s. 8.17 of the 2 dominant  
14 recognized political parties shall jointly submit a certified list of nominees containing  
15 at least twice as many nominees as there are inspectors from that party who are to  
16 be appointed under s. 7.52 (1) (b). The chairperson may designate any individual  
17 whose name is submitted as a first choice nominee. The board of election  
18 commissioners shall appoint, no later than December 31 of odd-numbered years, at  
19 least 5 inspectors for each ward. The board of election commissioners shall appoint  
20 all first choice nominees and, for at least 50 percent of the positions being filled, shall  
21 appoint those nominees who are nominated to serve at the polling place for a  
22 specified ward to serve at the polling place for that ward for so long as positions are  
23 available, unless nonappointment is authorized under par. (e), ~~and.~~ The board of  
24 election commissioners shall appoint other individuals in its discretion. ~~The board~~  
25 ~~of election commissioners~~ and may designate such alternates as it deems advisable.

1           **SECTION 37.** 7.30 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           7.30 (4) (b) 2. a. In ~~municipalities~~ a municipality other than cities and villages  
3 a city or village located in counties a county having a population of more than  
4 500,000, ~~the committees~~ each committee organized under s. 8.17 from each of the 2  
5 dominant parties described under sub. (2) shall submit a list containing at least as  
6 many names as there are needed appointees from that party. ~~The list shall be~~  
7 ~~submitted by the chairperson of each of the 2 committees~~ shall submit the list to the  
8 mayor, president, or chairperson of the municipality. If committees are organized in  
9 subdivisions of a city, ~~the list shall be submitted through the chairperson of the city~~  
10 ~~committee~~ shall submit the list. If there is no municipal committee, ~~the list shall be~~  
11 ~~submitted by the chairperson of the county or legislative district committee~~ shall  
12 submit the list. The appropriate committee or chairperson shall include the address  
13 of each nominee and the municipality for which the nominee is nominated to serve  
14 in the list and may, for not more than 50 percent of the positions to be filled within  
15 a municipality, specify the ward, if any, for which the nominee is nominated to serve.  
16 Except as provided in par. (c), only those persons submitted by the chairperson of  
17 each committee under s. 8.17 may act as election officials. The chairperson may  
18 designate any individual whose name is submitted as a first choice nominee. ~~The list~~  
19 ~~shall contain the signature of the chairperson and secretary of the submitting~~  
20 ~~committee~~ shall sign the list.

21           b. In cities a city or villages village located in counties a county having a  
22 population of more than 500,000, other than cities a city where there is a board of  
23 election commissioners, the aldermanic district or village ~~committeeman or~~  
24 ~~committeewoman~~ committee member for the ward or wards where each polling place  
25 is located, if there is one, or, for inspectors serving to be appointed under s. 7.52 (1)

1 (b), the ~~committeemen and committeewomen~~ committee members for the  
2 municipality acting jointly, shall submit a list containing at least as many names as  
3 there are needed appointees for inspector positions from the party represented by the  
4 ~~committeeman or committeewoman~~ committee member or by the ~~committeemen and~~  
5 ~~committeewomen~~ committee members acting jointly. For ~~appointments of~~  
6 Nominations for inspectors to be appointed in cities and villages a city or village  
7 where there is no aldermanic district or village ~~committeeman or committeewoman,~~  
8 ~~nominations~~ committee member shall proceed in the same manner as in  
9 ~~municipalities~~ a municipality located in ~~counties~~ a county having a population of  
10 500,000 or less. The list appropriate committee member, committee members, or  
11 chairperson shall ~~be submitted~~ submit the list to the mayor or president. The  
12 appropriate committee member, committee members, or chairperson shall include  
13 the address of each nominee and the municipality for which the nominee is  
14 nominated to serve in the list and may, for not more than 50 percent of the positions  
15 to be filled within a municipality, specify the ward, if any, for which the nominee is  
16 nominated to serve. Except as provided in par. (c), only those persons whose names  
17 are submitted as provided in this paragraph may act as election officials. The  
18 ~~committeeman or committeewoman~~ appropriate committee member, committee  
19 members, or chairperson may designate any individual whose name is submitted as  
20 a first choice nominee. The list ~~shall contain the signature of the~~ committee member  
21 of the aldermanic district or village ~~committeeman or committeewoman~~ or the  
22 chairperson of the appropriate committee shall sign the list.

23 c. Upon submission of each nominee's name, the governing body shall appoint  
24 each first choice nominee for so long as positions are available, unless  
25 nonappointment is authorized under par. (e), and shall appoint other nominees in its

1     discretion. In addition, for at least 50 percent of the positions being filled, the  
2     governing body shall appoint those nominees who are nominated to serve at the  
3     polling place for a specified ward to serve at the polling place for that ward, unless  
4     nonappointment is authorized under par. (e). If any nominee is not appointed, the  
5     mayor, president, or chairperson of the municipality shall immediately nominate  
6     another person from the appropriate lists submitted and continue until the  
7     necessary number of election officials from each party is achieved at that meeting.

8           **SECTION 38.** 7.30 (4) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           7.30 (4) (e) If an appointing authority believes that, for good cause, it should  
10     not appoint an individual whose name is submitted as a first choice nominee under  
11     par. (b) or it should not appoint an individual who is nominated as an inspector for  
12     a specified ward to serve in the ward specified, it may request the board to authorize  
13     nonappointment. The board or the attorney general may permit nonappointment of  
14     an individual for cause demonstrated by an appointing authority. If the board finds  
15     that there is good cause for nonappointment of an individual, the individual may,  
16     within 30 days of issuance of the board's decision, appeal the decision of the board  
17     to the attorney general, who may affirm or reverse the decision of the board.

18           **SECTION 39.** 7.51 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           7.51 (3) (a) The inspectors shall place together all ballots counted by them  
20     which relate to any national, state or county office or any state, county or technical  
21     college district referendum and secure them together so that they cannot be untied  
22     or tampered with without breaking the seal. The secured ballots together with any  
23     ballots marked “Defective” shall then be secured by the inspectors chief inspector,  
24     and, if available, one other inspector whose party affiliation is different from the  
25     chief inspector's party affiliation, in the ballot container in such a manner that the

1 container cannot be opened without breaking the seals or locks, or destroying the  
2 container. The inspectors shall place the ballots cast under s. 6.97 in a separate,  
3 securely sealed carrier envelope which is clearly marked “Section 6.97 ballots”. The  
4 chief inspector and 2 other inspectors shall sign the carrier envelope. The carrier  
5 envelope shall not be placed in the ballot container. The inspectors shall then deliver  
6 the ballots to the municipal clerk in the ballot container and carrier envelope.

7 **SECTION 40.** 7.52 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 7.52 (8) The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall make full and accurate  
9 return of the votes cast for each candidate and proposition on the tally sheet forms.  
10 Each tally sheet shall record the returns for each office or referendum by ward,  
11 unless combined returns are authorized in accordance with s. 5.15 (6) (b), in which  
12 case the tally sheet shall record the returns for each group of combined wards. After  
13 recording the votes, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall seal in a carrier  
14 envelope outside the ballot bag or container one inspector’s statement under sub. (4)  
15 (d), one tally sheet, and one poll list for delivery to the county clerk, unless the  
16 election relates only to municipal or school district offices ~~or referenda~~. The board  
17 of absentee ballot canvassers shall also similarly seal one statement, one tally sheet,  
18 and one poll list for delivery to the municipal clerk.

19 **SECTION 41.** 8.05 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 8.05 (3) (d) The question of adoption of the nonpartisan primary under this  
21 subsection may be submitted to the electors at ~~any regular~~ an election authorized  
22 under s. 8.065 (2) to be held in the town or at a special election called for the purpose.  
23 When a petition requesting adoption of the nonpartisan primary conforming to the  
24 requirements of s. 8.40 and signed by at least 20 electors of the town is filed with the  
25 town clerk as provided in s. 8.37, the question shall be submitted to a vote.

1           **SECTION 42.** 8.05 (3) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           8.05 (3) (e) Petitions requesting a vote on the question at a regular town  
3 election shall be filed in accordance with s. 8.37 no later than 5 p.m. the last Tuesday  
4 in February. When the petition is filed, the clerk shall check its sufficiency. ~~Whether~~  
5 ~~at a regular or special election, the~~ The clerk shall give separate notice by one  
6 publication in a newspaper at least 5 days before the election.

7           **SECTION 43.** 8.06 of the statutes is amended to read:

8           **8.06 Special elections may be called.** Towns, cities, villages, and school  
9 districts may call special elections for any purpose whenever such action is  
10 authorized or required by law. ~~If an, and may include a call for a special referendum.~~  
11 A special election is called that includes a call for a special referendum, the election  
12 shall be noticed under s. 8.55.

13           **SECTION 44.** 8.065 of the statutes is created to read:

14           **8.065 Scheduling of referendums. (1)** In this section, “Local governmental  
15 unit” means a political subdivision of this state, a special purpose district in this  
16 state, an instrumentality or corporation of such a political subdivision or special  
17 purpose district, a combination or subunit of any of the foregoing, or an  
18 instrumentality of the state and any of the foregoing.

19           **(2)** Unless otherwise required by law, a referendum held by any local  
20 governmental unit that is authorized or required by law to hold a referendum may  
21 be held only concurrently with the spring primary, spring election, partisan primary,  
22 or general election or with a special election.

23           **SECTION 45.** 9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. of the statutes is amended to read:

24           9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. If the difference between the votes cast for the leading  
25 candidate and those cast for the petitioner or the difference between the affirmative

1 and negative votes cast upon any referendum question is at least 10 if 1,000 or less  
2 ~~fewer~~ votes are cast or is more than ~~0.5%~~ 0.5 percent but not more than ~~2%~~ 2 percent  
3 if more than 1,000 votes are cast following canvassing of all valid provisional and  
4 absentee ballots, the petitioner shall pay a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$25 for each ward for which the  
5 petition requests a ballot recount, or ~~\$5~~ \$25 for each municipality for which the  
6 petition requests a recount where no wards exist.

7 **SECTION 46.** 9.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 9.20 (4) (intro.) and amended  
8 to read:

9 9.20 (4) (intro.) The common council or village board shall, without alteration,  
10 ~~either pass to the ordinance or resolution, do one of the following:~~

11 (a) Pass the ordinance or resolution within 30 days following the date of the  
12 clerk's final certificate, ~~or submit it.~~

13 (b) Submit the ordinance or resolution to the electors at the next spring or  
14 general election, if the election is more than 6 weeks after the date of the council's  
15 or board's action on the petition or the expiration of the 30-day period, whichever  
16 first occurs.

17 (c) If there are 6 weeks or less before the election, the ordinance or resolution  
18 shall be voted on at the next succeeding election thereafter. ~~The council or board by~~  
19 ~~a three-fourths vote of the members-elect may order a special election for the~~  
20 ~~purpose of voting on the ordinance or resolution at any time prior to the next election,~~  
21 ~~but not more than one special election for direct legislation may be ordered in any~~  
22 ~~6-month period~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

23 **SECTION 47.** 11.01 (6) (b) 8. and 9. of the statutes are created to read:

24 11.01 (6) (b) 8. Any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity for a political  
25 purpose by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another



1 person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including  
2 the cost or value of any equipment and services identified in s. 11.06 (13), but not  
3 including professional video production services purchased by the individual.

4 9. Any cost incurred for covering or carrying a news story, commentary, or  
5 editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or  
6 programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including  
7 an Internet or other electronic publication except the cost of a news story that  
8 appears in a medium that is owned or controlled by a candidate, personal campaign  
9 committee of a candidate, support committee of a candidate that is authorized under  
10 s. 11.05 (3) (p), or a political party.

11 **SECTION 48.** 11.01 (7) (a) 5. to 7. of the statutes are created to read:

12 11.01 (7) (a) 5. Any payment for a communication to the general public for a  
13 political purpose by means of any broadcast, satellite communication, newspaper or  
14 other periodical publication, outdoor advertising facility, mass mailing, or mass  
15 telephoning to the general public, or any other form of advertising to the general  
16 public, except communications over the Internet by an individual acting in his or her  
17 own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated  
18 specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any equipment and  
19 services identified in s. 11.06 (13).

20 6. Any payment for the purchase or rental of an electronic-mail address list  
21 made at the direction of a registrant for a political purpose.

22 7. Any payment for an electronic-mail address list that is transferred to a  
23 registrant for a political purpose.

24 **SECTION 49.** 11.01 (7) (b) 6. to 8. of the statutes are created to read:

1           11.01 (7) (b) 6. A communication or Internet activity by an individual acting  
2 in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not  
3 compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any  
4 equipment and services identified in s. 11.06 (13), but not including professional  
5 video production services purchased by the individual.

6           7. Any cost incurred in covering or carrying a news story, commentary, or  
7 editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, programmer or  
8 producer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an  
9 Internet or electronic publication, except the cost of a news story that appears in a  
10 medium that is owned or controlled by a candidate, personal campaign committee  
11 of a candidate, support committee of a candidate that is authorized under s. 11.05 (3)  
12 (p), or a political party.

13           8. A nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

14           **SECTION 50.** 11.01 (12m) of the statutes is created to read:

15           11.01 (12m) “Internet activity” includes sending or forwarding an electronic  
16 message; providing a hyperlink or other direct access on a person’s Internet site to  
17 an Internet site operated by another person; blogging; creating, maintaining, or  
18 hosting an Internet site; payment by a person of a nominal fee for the use of an  
19 Internet site operated by another person; or any other form of communication  
20 distributed over the Internet.

21           **SECTION 51.** 11.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           11.05 (1) COMMITTEES AND GROUPS. Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every  
23 committee other than a personal campaign committee which makes or accepts  
24 contributions, incurs obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an  
25 aggregate amount in excess of ~~\$25~~ \$500, and every political group subject to

1 registration under s. 11.23 shall file a statement with the appropriate filing officer  
2 giving the information required by sub. (3). In the case of any committee other than  
3 a personal campaign committee, the statement shall be filed by the treasurer. A  
4 personal campaign committee shall register under sub. (2g) or (2r).

5 **SECTION 52.** 11.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 11.05 (2) INDIVIDUALS. Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every individual,  
7 other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, who accepts contributions, incurs  
8 obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in  
9 excess of ~~\$25~~ \$1,000 to support or oppose the election or nomination of a candidate  
10 at an election and every individual subject to registration under s. 11.23 shall file a  
11 statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the information required by sub.  
12 (3). An individual who guarantees a loan on which an individual, committee or group  
13 subject to a registration requirement defaults is not subject to registration under this  
14 subsection solely as a result of such default.

15 **SECTION 53.** 11.05 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.05 (2r) GENERAL REPORTING EXEMPTIONS. Any committee, group, or  
17 individual, other than a committee or individual required to file an oath under s.  
18 11.06 (7), who or which does not anticipate accepting contributions, making  
19 disbursements or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount in excess of \$1,000  
20 in a calendar year and does not anticipate accepting any contribution or  
21 contributions from a single source, other than contributions made by a candidate to  
22 his or her own campaign, exceeding \$100 in that year, or exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 in  
23 that year for a group or individual subject to registration under s. 11.23, may indicate  
24 on its registration statement that the committee, group, or individual will not accept  
25 contributions, incur obligations or make disbursements in the aggregate in excess

1 of \$1,000 in any calendar year and will not accept any contribution or contributions  
2 from a single source, other than contributions made by a candidate to his or her own  
3 campaign, exceeding \$100 in that year, or exceeding \$750 \$2,500 in that year for a  
4 group or individual subject to registration under s. 11.23. Any registrant making  
5 such an indication is not subject to any filing requirement if the statement is true.  
6 The registrant need not file a termination report. A registrant not making such an  
7 indication on a registration statement is subject to a filing requirement. The  
8 indication may be revoked and the registrant is then subject to a filing requirement  
9 as of the date of revocation, or the date that aggregate contributions, disbursements  
10 or obligations for the calendar year exceed \$1,000, or the date on which the registrant  
11 accepts any contribution or contributions exceeding \$100 from a single source, or  
12 exceeding \$750 \$2,500 from a single source for a group or individual subject to  
13 registration under s. 11.23, other than contributions made by a candidate to his or  
14 her own campaign, during that year, whichever is earlier. If the revocation is not  
15 timely, the registrant violates s. 11.27 (1).

16 **SECTION 54.** 11.05 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.05 (3) (c) In the case of a committee, a statement as to whether the  
18 committee is a personal campaign committee, a political party committee, a  
19 legislative campaign committee, a support committee ~~or~~, a special interest  
20 committee, or a committee that is authorized to receive contributions from a  
21 corporation or association under s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1.

22 **SECTION 55.** 11.05 (3) (q) of the statutes is created to read:

23 11.05 (3) (q) In the case of a conduit, the name and mailing address of a sponsor,  
24 as defined in s. 11.185 (1), to which contributions may be redirected as provided  
25 under s. 11.185.

1           **SECTION 56.** 11.05 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           11.05 (12) (b) Except as authorized under sub. (13), a committee, group or  
3 individual that becomes subject to a registration requirement under sub. (1) or (2),  
4 other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, shall comply with sub. (1) or (2) no  
5 later than the 5th business day commencing after receipt of the first contribution by  
6 the committee, group or individual exceeding the amount specified under sub. (1) or  
7 (2) or s. 11.23 (1), and before making any disbursement exceeding that amount. No  
8 committee or individual supporting or opposing the election or nomination of a  
9 candidate at an election, other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, may accept  
10 any contribution or contributions exceeding \$25, and no group or individual subject  
11 to registration under s. 11.23 may accept any contribution or contributions exceeding  
12 \$750 \$2,500, in the aggregate during a calendar year at any time when the  
13 committee, group or individual is not registered under this section except within the  
14 initial 5–day period authorized by this paragraph.

15           **SECTION 57.** 11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           11.06 (1) CONTENTS OF REPORT. (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (2), (3), and  
17 (3m) and ss. 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), each registrant under s. 11.05 shall make full  
18 reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and signed by the appropriate  
19 individual under sub. (5), of all contributions received, contributions or  
20 disbursements made, and obligations incurred. ~~Each~~ Except for a report required  
21 under sub. (11), each report shall contain the following information, covering the  
22 period since the last date covered on the previous report, unless otherwise provided:

23           **SECTION 58.** 11.06 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           11.06 (1) (a) An itemized statement giving the date, full name and street  
25 address of each contributor who has made a contribution in excess of \$20 \$40, or

1 whose contribution if ~~\$20~~ \$40 or less aggregates more than ~~\$20~~ \$40 for the calendar  
2 year, together with the amount of the contribution and the cumulative total  
3 contributions made by that contributor for the calendar year.

4 **SECTION 59.** 11.06 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.06 (1) (d) An itemized statement of other income in excess of ~~\$20~~ \$40,  
6 including interest, returns on investments, rebates and refunds received.

7 **SECTION 60.** 11.06 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.06 (1) (e) An itemized statement of contributions over ~~\$20~~ \$40 from a single  
9 source donated to a charitable organization or to the common school fund, with the  
10 full name and mailing address of the donee.

11 **SECTION 61.** 11.06 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.06 (1) (f) An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the registrant  
13 for a political purpose in an aggregate amount or value in excess of ~~\$20~~ \$40, together  
14 with the full name and mailing address of the lender; a statement of whether the  
15 lender is a commercial lending institution; the date and amount of the loan; the full  
16 name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any; the original amount guaranteed  
17 by each guarantor; and the balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at  
18 the end of the reporting period.

19 **SECTION 62.** 11.06 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 11.06 (1) (g) An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding ~~\$20~~ \$40  
21 in amount or value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the  
22 disbursement was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the  
23 disbursement was made.

24 **SECTION 63.** 11.06 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           11.06 (1) (h) An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 \$40 in  
2 amount or value, together with the name of the person or business with whom the  
3 obligation was incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such  
4 obligation was incurred.

5           **SECTION 64.** 11.06 (11) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           11.06 (11) (a) A conduit transferring a contribution of money shall, in writing,  
7 identify itself to the transferee as a conduit and report to the transferee of each  
8 contribution transferred by it the information about the original contributor  
9 required for reporting purposes under sub. (1) (a) and (b) at the time the contribution  
10 is transferred. ~~The conduit shall include the information in its report under s. 11.12~~  
11 ~~(5) or 11.20 for the date on which the contribution is received and transferred.~~

12           **SECTION 65.** 11.06 (11) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

13           11.06 (11) (d) A conduit shall include in each report under s. 11.12 (5) or 11.20  
14 all of the following:

15           1. The information specified in par. (a) for the date on which each contribution  
16 is received and transferred.

17           2. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
18 reporting period.

19           3. Whether, during the reporting period, any contribution was redirected to a  
20 sponsor as permitted under s. 11.185.

21           **SECTION 66.** 11.06 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

22           11.06 (13) INTERNET ACTIVITY. (a) In this subsection, “equipment and services”  
23 includes computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet service providers,  
24 and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet.

1 (b) If an individual conducts Internet activity for a political purpose in his or  
2 her own behalf or in behalf of another person and is not compensated specifically for  
3 those services, the cost or value of any equipment and services used by the individual  
4 to conduct the activity, other than professional video production services purchased  
5 by the individual, is not a contribution to the registrant as provided in s. 11.01 (6) (b)  
6 8., regardless of who owns the equipment and services.

7 **SECTION 67.** 11.066 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **11.066 Verification of certain loans.** If any registrant files a report  
9 indicating that the registrant has received a loan in an amount exceeding \$10,000,  
10 the board shall, upon request of any individual, require the registrant to  
11 substantiate the source and amount of the loan.

12 **SECTION 68.** 11.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 11.07 (1) Every nonresident committee making contributions and every  
14 nonresident individual or committee making disbursements to support or oppose the  
15 election or nomination of a candidate at an election exceeding \$25 cumulatively in  
16 a calendar year within this state, and every nonresident group making contributions  
17 and every nonresident group or individual making disbursements to support or  
18 oppose a particular vote at a referendum exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 cumulatively in a  
19 calendar year within this state, shall file name, mailing and street address and the  
20 name and the mailing and street address of a designated agent within the state with  
21 the office of the secretary of state. An agent may be any adult individual who is a  
22 resident of this state. After any change in the name or address of such agent the new  
23 address or name of the successor agent shall be filed within 30 days. Service of  
24 process in any proceeding under this chapter or ch. 12, or service of any other notice  
25 or demand may be made upon such agent.



1           **SECTION 69.** 11.12 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           11.12 (6) If any disbursement of more than \$20 cumulatively is made to  
3 advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate by an individual or  
4 committee later than 15 days prior to a primary or election in which the candidate's  
5 name appears on the ballot without cooperation or consultation with a candidate or  
6 agent or authorized committee of a candidate who is supported or opposed, and not  
7 in concert with or at the request or suggestion of such a candidate, agent or  
8 committee, but such that the disbursement is not included in a preprimary or  
9 preelection report submitted under s. 11.20 (3), the individual or treasurer of the  
10 committee shall, within 24 hours of making the disbursement, inform the  
11 appropriate filing officer of the information required under s. 11.06 (1) in such  
12 manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also be included in the  
13 next regular report of the individual or committee under s. 11.20. For purposes of  
14 this subsection, disbursements cumulate beginning with the day after the last date  
15 covered on the preprimary or preelection report and ending with the day before the  
16 primary or election. Upon receipt of a report under this subsection, the filing officer  
17 shall, within 24 hours of receipt, mail a copy of the report to all candidates for any  
18 office in support of or opposition to one of whom a disbursement identified in the  
19 report is made.

20           **SECTION 70.** 11.185 of the statutes is created to read:

21           **11.185 Redirection of contributions made to conduits.** (1) In this  
22 section, "sponsor" means a committee, other than a personal campaign committee,  
23 support committee, political party, or legislative campaign committee, that is  
24 associated with a conduit.

1           (2) A conduit may redirect any contribution received from an individual or  
2 organization to a sponsor or, if there is no sponsor, to an administrative fund of the  
3 conduit if all of the following apply:

4           (a) The conduit has held the contribution for at least 24 months over which time  
5 the individual or organization that made the contribution has made no contact with  
6 the conduit.

7           (b) The conduit has, over the 24–month period described in par. (a), attempted  
8 in good faith to contact the individual or organization that made the contribution at  
9 least 10 times, and has documented each such attempt, but has been unable to make  
10 contact with the individual or organization. A conduit may satisfy the requirement  
11 to contact the individual or organization by telephoning the individual or  
12 organization at the last–known telephone number; by sending a letter or postcard  
13 to the individual or organization by U.S. mail; by sending a message by electronic  
14 mail; or by any combination of the foregoing. A conduit may not satisfy the  
15 requirement to attempt in good faith to contact the individual or organization at least  
16 10 times if all 10 attempted contacts occur within a period of 30 consecutive days.

17           **SECTION 71.** 11.20 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

18           11.20 (1m) (a) Each registrant required to file reports under this paragraph  
19 shall, annually, file reports on the 15th day of the month in the months of January,  
20 April, July, and October.

21           (b) Each registrant required to file reports under this paragraph shall file  
22 reports as follows:

23           1. In an odd–numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in the months of  
24 January, April, July, and October.

1           2. In an even-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in the months of  
2           April and July and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

3           **SECTION 72.** 11.20 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (a) 1. and  
4           amended to read:

5           11.20 (3) (a) 1. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at  
6           a spring primary shall file a preprimary and preelection report and the periodic  
7           reports specified in sub. (1m) (a). If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an  
8           election is not required to participate in a spring primary, the candidate or personal  
9           campaign committee of the candidate shall file a preprimary report at the time  
10          prescribed in sub. (2) preceding the date specified in s. 5.02 (20) or (22) for the holding  
11          of the primary, were it to be required.

12          **SECTION 73.** 11.20 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

13          11.20 (3) (a) 2. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at  
14          a partisan primary shall file a preprimary and preelection report and the periodic  
15          reports specified in sub. (1m) (b).

16          **SECTION 74.** 11.20 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (b) 1. and  
17          amended to read:

18          11.20 (3) (b) 1. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at  
19          an a spring election shall file a preelection report and the periodic reports specified  
20          in sub. (1m) (a).

21          **SECTION 75.** 11.20 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

22          11.20 (3) (b) 2. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at  
23          a general election shall file a preelection report and the periodic reports specified in  
24          sub. (1m) (b).

1           **SECTION 76.** 11.20 (3) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (c) 1. and  
2 amended to read:

3           11.20 (3) (c) 1. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or  
4 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making  
5 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more  
6 candidates for office at a spring primary, or supporting or opposing other committees  
7 or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preprimary and  
8 preelection report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (a).

9           **SECTION 77.** 11.20 (3) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

10           11.20 (3) (c) 2. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or  
11 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making  
12 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more  
13 candidates for office at a partisan primary, or supporting or opposing other  
14 committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preprimary  
15 and preelection report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (b).

16           **SECTION 78.** 11.20 (3) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (d) 1. and  
17 amended to read:

18           11.20 (3) (d) 1. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or  
19 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making  
20 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more  
21 candidates for office at ~~an~~ a spring election, or supporting or opposing other  
22 committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preelection  
23 report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (a).

24           **SECTION 79.** 11.20 (3) (d) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

1           11.20 (3) (d) 2. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or  
2           personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making  
3           disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more  
4           candidates for office at a general election, or supporting or opposing other  
5           committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preelection  
6           report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (b).

7           **SECTION 80.** 11.20 (3) (f) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (f) 1. and  
8           amended to read:

9           11.20 (3) (f) 1. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in  
10          opposition to a candidate at a spring primary which is made, accepted, or incurred  
11          during the period covered by the preprimary report is considered to be made,  
12          accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the primary,  
13          regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the primary.

14          **SECTION 81.** 11.20 (3) (f) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

15          11.20 (3) (f) 2. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in  
16          opposition to a candidate at a partisan primary which is made, accepted, or incurred  
17          during the period covered by the preprimary report is considered to be made,  
18          accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the primary,  
19          regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the primary.

20          **SECTION 82.** 11.20 (3) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (g) 1. and  
21          amended to read:

22          11.20 (3) (g) 1. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in  
23          opposition to a candidate at an a spring election which is made, accepted, or incurred  
24          during the period covered by the preelection report is considered to be made,

1 accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the election,  
2 regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the election.

3 **SECTION 83.** 11.20 (3) (g) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

4 11.20 (3) (g) 2. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in  
5 opposition to a candidate at a general election which is made, accepted, or incurred  
6 during the period covered by the preelection report is considered to be made,  
7 accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the election,  
8 regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the election.

9 **SECTION 84.** 11.20 (3) (h) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (h) 1. and  
10 amended to read:

11 11.20 (3) (h) 1. A registrant who or which makes, accepts, or incurs a  
12 contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in opposition to a candidate  
13 at a spring primary during the period covered by the preprimary report shall file both  
14 the preprimary and preelection reports, regardless of whether the registrant  
15 engages in such activity during the period covered by the preelection report.

16 **SECTION 85.** 11.20 (3) (h) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

17 11.20 (3) (h) 2. A registrant who or which makes, accepts, or incurs a  
18 contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in opposition to a candidate  
19 at a partisan primary during the period covered by the preprimary report shall file  
20 both the preprimary and preelection reports, regardless of whether the registrant  
21 engages in such activity during the period covered by the preelection report.

22 **SECTION 86.** 11.20 (3) (k) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (k) 1. and  
23 amended to read:

24 11.20 (3) (k) 1. A registered group or individual making or accepting  
25 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in

1 opposition to a referendum appearing on a spring primary ballot shall file a  
2 preprimary and preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m)  
3 (a).

4 **SECTION 87.** 11.20 (3) (k) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

5 11.20 (3) (k) 2. A registered group or individual making or accepting  
6 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in  
7 opposition to a referendum appearing on a partisan primary ballot shall file a  
8 preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m) (b).

9 **SECTION 88.** 11.20 (3) (L) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (L) 1. and  
10 amended to read:

11 11.20 (3) (L) 1. A registered group or individual making or accepting  
12 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in  
13 opposition to a referendum appearing on ~~an~~ a spring election ballot shall file a  
14 preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m) (a).

15 **SECTION 89.** 11.20 (3) (L) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

16 11.20 (3) (L) 2. A registered group or individual making or accepting  
17 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in  
18 opposition to a referendum appearing on a general election ballot shall file a  
19 preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m) (b).

20 **SECTION 90.** 11.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (4) (a) and amended  
21 to read:

22 11.20 (4) (a) ~~Continuing reports under s. 11.06 (1) by committees~~ Committees  
23 or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for office at a spring primary or  
24 spring election, including committees of a political party, and by individuals, groups,  
25 or corporations supporting or opposing a referendum appearing on a spring ballot

1 shall ~~be received by~~ submit continuing reports required under s. 11.06 (1) to the  
2 appropriate filing officer no earlier than January 1 and no later than January 31; and  
3 no earlier than July 1 and no later than July 20. Individuals, on the 15th day of the  
4 month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5 (c) Individuals, committees, groups, and corporations to which s. 11.055 (1)  
6 applies shall pay the fee imposed under that subsection with their continuing reports  
7 filed in January of each year.

8 **SECTION 91.** 11.20 (4) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 11.20 (4) (b) Committees or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for  
10 office at a partisan primary or general election, including committees of a political  
11 party, and individuals, groups, or corporations supporting or opposing a referendum  
12 appearing on a general election ballot shall submit continuing reports required  
13 under s. 11.06 (1) to the appropriate filing officer as follows:

14 1. In an odd-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in the months of  
15 January, April, July, and October.

16 2. In an even-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in April and July  
17 and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

18 **SECTION 92.** 11.20 (8) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

19 11.20 (8) (intro.) Reports filed under subs. (2), (2m), (3), (4), and (4m) shall  
20 include all contributions received and transactions made as of the end of:

21 (b) ~~December 31~~ The last day of the immediately preceding month in the case  
22 of the continuing report reports required by ~~January 31~~ under sub. (4).

23 **SECTION 93.** 11.20 (8) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

24 **SECTION 94.** 11.20 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:



1           11.20 (12) If a candidate is unopposed in a primary or election, the obligation  
2 to file the reports required by this chapter does not cease. Except as provided in ss.  
3 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), a registrant who makes or receives no contributions, makes  
4 no disbursements or incurs no obligations shall so report on the dates designated in  
5 subs. (2), ~~(3)~~, and (4).

6           **SECTION 95.** 11.21 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           11.21 (16) Require each registrant for whom the board serves as filing officer  
8 and who or which accepts contributions in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more  
9 during a campaign period to file each campaign finance report that is required to be  
10 filed under this chapter in an electronic format, and accept from any other registrant  
11 for whom the board serves as a filing officer any campaign finance report that is  
12 required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. A registrant who or  
13 which becomes subject to a requirement to file reports in an electronic format under  
14 this subsection shall initially file the registrant's report in an electronic format for  
15 the period which includes the date on which the registrant becomes subject to the  
16 requirement. To facilitate implementation of this subsection, the board shall specify,  
17 by rule, a type of software that is suitable for compliance with the electronic filing  
18 requirement under this subsection. The software shall allow a registrant to provide  
19 an electronic signature, as defined in s. 137.11 (8), that is subject to a security  
20 procedure, as defined in s. 137.11 (13). The board shall provide copies of the software  
21 to registrants at a price fixed by the board that may not exceed cost. ~~Each registrant~~  
22 ~~who or which files a report under this subsection in an electronic format shall also~~  
23 ~~file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on a medium specified by the~~  
24 ~~board. The copy shall be signed by an authorized individual and filed with the board~~  
25 ~~by each registrant no later than the time prescribed for filing of the report under this~~

1 ~~chapter.~~ A registrant who or which files a report under this subsection in an  
2 electronic format may file with the board that portion of the report signed by an  
3 authorized individual rather than submit the electronic signature of that individual.

4 The board shall provide complete instructions to any registrant who or which files  
5 a report under this subsection. In this subsection, the “campaign period” of a  
6 candidate, personal campaign committee or support committee begins and ends with  
7 the “campaign” of the candidate whose candidacy is supported, as defined in s. 11.26  
8 (17), and the “campaign period” of any other registrant begins on January 1 of each  
9 odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following year.

10 **SECTION 96.** 11.23 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.23 (1) Any group or individual may promote or oppose a particular vote at  
12 any referendum in this state. Except as authorized in s. 11.05 (12) (b) and (13), before  
13 a group makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations  
14 in excess of \$750 \$2,500 in the aggregate in a calendar year for such purposes, and  
15 before an individual accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs  
16 obligations in excess of \$750 \$2,500 in the aggregate in a calendar year for such  
17 purposes, the group or individual shall file a registration statement under s. 11.05  
18 (1), (2) or (2r). In the case of a group the name and mailing address of each of its  
19 officers shall be given in the statement. Every group and every individual under this  
20 section shall designate a campaign depository account under s. 11.14. Every group  
21 shall appoint a treasurer, who may delegate authority but is jointly responsible for  
22 the actions of his or her authorized designee for purposes of civil liability under this  
23 chapter. The appropriate filing officer shall be notified by a group of any change in  
24 its treasurer within 10 days of the change under s. 11.05 (5). The treasurer of a group

1 shall certify the correctness of each statement or report submitted by it under this  
2 chapter.

3 **SECTION 97.** 11.26 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.26 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,  
5 state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, \$10,000 \$20,000.

6 **SECTION 98.** 11.26 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.26 (1) (b) Candidates for state senator, \$1,000 \$2,000.

8 **SECTION 99.** 11.26 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.26 (1) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$500 \$1,000.

10 **SECTION 100.** 11.26 (1) (cn) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.26 (1) (cn) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of  
12 more than 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having  
13 a population of more than 300,000, \$3,000 \$6,000.

14 **SECTION 101.** 11.26 (1) (cw) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.26 (1) (cw) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for  
16 district attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$1,000 \$2,000.

17 **SECTION 102.** 11.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 11.26 (2) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,  
19 state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, 4 percent of the  
20 value of the disbursement level specified in the schedule under s. 11.31 (1), \$87,000.

21 **SECTION 103.** 11.26 (2) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

22 11.26 (2) (ab) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$26,000.

23 **SECTION 104.** 11.26 (2) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

24 11.26 (2) (ac) Candidates for attorney general, \$44,000.

25 **SECTION 105.** 11.26 (2) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

1           11.26 (2) (ad) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state  
2 superintendent, or justice, \$18,000.

3           **SECTION 106.** 11.26 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           11.26 (2) (b) Candidates for state senator, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000.

5           **SECTION 107.** 11.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           11.26 (2) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, ~~\$500~~ \$1,000.

7           **SECTION 108.** 11.26 (2) (cn) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           11.26 (2) (cn) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of  
9 more than 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having  
10 a population of more than 300,000, ~~\$3,000~~ \$6,000.

11          **SECTION 109.** 11.26 (2) (cw) of the statutes is amended to read:

12          11.26 (2) (cw) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for  
13 district attorney in other prosecutorial units, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000.

14          **SECTION 110.** 11.26 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          11.26 (4) No individual may make any contribution or contributions to all  
16 candidates for state and local offices and to any individuals who or committees which  
17 are subject to a registration requirement under s. 11.05, including legislative  
18 campaign committees and committees of a political party, to the extent of more than  
19 a total of ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 in any calendar year.

20          **SECTION 111.** 11.26 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          11.26 (8) (a) No political party as defined in s. 5.02 (13) may receive more than  
22 a total of ~~\$150,000~~ \$300,000 in value of its contributions in any biennium from all  
23 other committees, excluding contributions from legislative campaign committees  
24 and transfers between party committees of the party. In this paragraph, a biennium

1 commences with January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends with December 31  
2 of each even-numbered year.

3 **SECTION 112.** 11.26 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.26 (8) (b) No such political party may receive more than a total of \$6,000  
5 \$12,000 in value of its contributions in any calendar year from any specific committee  
6 or its subunits or affiliates, excluding legislative campaign and political party  
7 committees.

8 **SECTION 113.** 11.26 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.26 (8) (c) No committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign  
10 committee, may make any contribution or contributions, directly or indirectly, to a  
11 political party under s. 5.02 (13) in a calendar year exceeding a total value of \$6,000  
12 \$12,000.

13 **SECTION 114.** 11.26 (9) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (9) (a) (intro.) and  
14 amended to read:

15 11.26 (9) (a) (intro.) No individual who is a candidate for state or local office may  
16 receive and accept more than ~~65 percent of the value of the total disbursement level~~  
17 ~~determined under s. 11.31~~ the following amounts for the office for which he or she is  
18 a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined from all  
19 committees ~~subject to a filing requirement, including political party and legislative~~  
20 campaign committees. subject to a filing requirement:

21 **SECTION 115.** 11.26 (9) (a) 1. to 12. of the statutes are created to read:

22 11.26 (9) (a) 1. Candidates for governor, \$432,000.

23 2. Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$130,000.

24 3. Candidates for attorney general, \$108,000.

1           4. Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or  
2 justice, \$87,000.

3           5. Candidates for court of appeals judge, \$35,000.

4           6. Candidates for state senator, \$14,000.

5           7. Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$7,000.

6           8. Candidates for circuit judge, \$35,000.

7           9. Candidates for district attorney in any prosecutorial unit with a population  
8 of 500,000 or less, \$35,000.

9           10. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with  
10 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering  
11 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following countywide offices:

12           a. Candidates for county executive, \$54,000.

13           b. Candidates for district attorney, \$67,000.

14           c. Candidates for county supervisor, \$4,000.

15           d. Candidates for any other countywide elective office, not including candidates  
16 specified under subd. 5. or 8., \$22,000.

17           11. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with  
18 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering  
19 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following offices in cities of the 1st class:

20           a. Candidates for mayor, \$54,000.

21           b. Candidates for city attorney, \$34,000.

22           c. Candidates for any other city-wide elective office, \$22,000.

23           d. Candidates for alderperson, \$4,000.

24           12. Candidates for any local office, who are elected from a jurisdiction or district  
25 with less than 500,000 inhabitants according to the latest federal census or census

1 information on which the district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing  
2 officer, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

3 a. Two hundred dollars.

4 b. Eleven percent of the annual salary for the office sought, rounded to the  
5 nearest multiple of \$25.

6 c. Six cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district, not to exceed \$9,000.

7 **SECTION 116.** 11.26 (9) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (9) (b) (intro.) and  
8 amended to read:

9 11.26 (9) (b) (intro.) No individual who is a candidate for state or local office may  
10 receive and accept more than ~~45 percent of the value of the total disbursement level~~  
11 ~~determined under s. 11.31~~ the following amounts for the office for which he or she is  
12 a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined from all  
13 committees other than political party and legislative campaign committees subject  
14 to a filing requirement.:

15 **SECTION 117.** 11.26 (9) (b) 1. to 12. of the statutes are created to read:

16 11.26 (9) (b) 1. Candidates for governor, \$971,000.

17 2. Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$292,000.

18 3. Candidates for attorney general, \$486,000.

19 4. Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or  
20 justice, \$195,000.

21 5. Candidates for court of appeals judge, \$78,000.

22 6. Candidates for state senator, \$31,000.

23 7. Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$16,000.

24 8. Candidates for circuit judge, \$78,000.

1           9. Candidates for district attorney in any prosecutorial unit with a population  
2 of 500,000 or less, \$78,000.

3           10. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with  
4 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering  
5 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following countywide offices:

6           a. Candidates for county executive, \$122,000.

7           b. Candidates for district attorney, \$146,000.

8           c. Candidates for county supervisor, \$8,000.

9           d. Candidates for any other countywide elective office, not including candidates  
10 specified under subd. 5. or 8., \$49,000.

11           11. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with  
12 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering  
13 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following offices in cities of the 1st class:

14           a. Candidates for mayor, \$122,000.

15           b. Candidates for city attorney, \$73,000.

16           c. Candidates for any other city-wide elective office, \$49,000.

17           d. Candidates for alderperson, \$8,000.

18           12. Candidates for any local office, who are elected from a jurisdiction or district  
19 with less than 500,000 inhabitants according to the latest federal census or census  
20 information on which the district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing  
21 officer, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

22           a. Five hundred dollars.

23           b. Twenty-four percent of the annual salary for the office sought, rounded to  
24 the nearest multiple of \$25.



1 c. Fifteen cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district, not to exceed  
2 \$20,000.

3 **SECTION 118.** 11.26 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

4 11.26 (18) Beginning on July 1, 2015, and every 2 years thereafter, the board  
5 shall modify the dollar amounts under subs. (1), (2), (4), (8), and (9), rounded to the  
6 nearest multiple of \$25, to adjust for the change in the consumer price index, all  
7 items, U.S. city average, published by the federal Department of Labor for the  
8 preceding 2-year period ending on December 31.

9 **SECTION 119.** 11.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.30 (4) No owner or other person with a financial interest in a  
11 communications medium may utilize such medium in support of or in opposition to  
12 a candidate or referendum except as provided in this chapter.

13 **(4m)** This chapter shall not be construed to restrict fair coverage of bona fide  
14 news stories, interviews with candidates and other politically active individuals,  
15 editorial comment or endorsement. ~~Such activities~~ editorials by any broadcasting  
16 station, cable television operator or producer, Internet site, or newspaper or other  
17 periodical publication, including an Internet or electronic publication, unless the  
18 communication is made by a candidate, personal campaign committee, support  
19 committee of a candidate authorized under s. 11.05 (3) (p), or a political party.  
20 Activities that are not restricted under this subsection are not subject to an  
21 attribution requirement under sub. (2) and need not be reported as a contribution or  
22 disbursement.

23 **SECTION 120.** 11.31 of the statutes is repealed.

24 **SECTION 121.** 11.33 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

1           11.33 (2m) This section does not apply to the cost of materials or distribution  
2 of a communication made by a member of the legislature to an address located within  
3 the legislative district represented by that member during the 45-day period  
4 following declaration of a state of emergency by the governor under s. 323.10  
5 affecting any county in which the district is located if the communication relates  
6 solely to the subject of the emergency.

7           **SECTION 122.** 11.38 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

8           11.38 (1) (a) 1. No foreign or domestic corporation, or association organized  
9 under ch. 185 or 193, may make any contribution or disbursement, directly or  
10 indirectly, either independently or through any political party, committee, group,  
11 candidate or individual for any purpose ~~other than~~ except to promote or defeat a  
12 referendum and except that such a corporation or association may make a  
13 contribution to a committee that is operated exclusively for the purpose of financing  
14 the purchase, lease, or maintenance of space for exclusive use by a political party or  
15 legislative campaign committee.

16           **SECTION 123.** 11.38 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

17           11.38 (1) (a) 3. No corporation or association specified in subd. 1. may annually  
18 expend more than a combined total of \$500 annually for solicitation of contributions  
19 to a fund established under subd. 2. or to a conduit more than the greater of \$20,000  
20 or 20 percent of the amount of contributions in the previous year to the fund  
21 established under subd. 2. or to a conduit.

22           **SECTION 124.** 13.025 of the statutes is created to read:

23           **13.025 Ethics training for members.** Before the oath of office may be  
24 administered to any member of the legislature, the member shall complete 4 hours

1 of ethics training administered by the government accountability board under s.  
2 19.48 (9).

3 **SECTION 125.** 13.62 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 13.62 (1) (intro.) and  
4 amended to read:

5 13.62 (1) (intro.) “Administrative action” means ~~the~~ any of the following:

6 (a) The proposal, drafting, development, consideration, promulgation,  
7 amendment, repeal, or rejection by any agency of any rule promulgated under ch.  
8 227.

9 **SECTION 126.** 13.62 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

10 13.62 (1) (b) The consideration of specifications for a procurement by a  
11 legislator or by an agency or the award of a procurement contract or order by an  
12 agency.

13 **SECTION 127.** 13.62 (12e) of the statutes is created to read:

14 13.62 (12e) “Procurement” has the meaning given in s. 19.42 (11s).

15 **SECTION 128.** 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) Except as permitted in this subsection, make a campaign  
17 contribution, as defined in s. 11.01 (6), to a partisan elective state official for the  
18 purpose of promoting the official’s election to any national, state, or local office,; or  
19 to a candidate for a partisan elective state office to be filled at the general election  
20 or a special election,; or to the official’s or candidate’s personal campaign committee.  
21 A lobbyist may make a campaign contribution to a partisan elective state official or  
22 candidate for partisan elective state office or ~~his or her~~ to the personal campaign  
23 committee ~~may be made~~ of the official or candidate in the year of ~~a~~ the official’s or  
24 candidate’s election between ~~June 1~~ the first day authorized by law for the circulation  
25 of nomination papers as a candidate and the day of the general election, except that:

1           **SECTION 129.** 13.63 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           13.63 (1) (a) An ~~application~~ applicant for a license to act as a lobbyist may be  
3 ~~obtained~~ obtain an application from and ~~filed~~ file the application with the board.  
4 Except as authorized under par. (am), an applicant shall include his or her social  
5 security number on the application. The ~~application~~ applicant shall be signed, under  
6 the penalty for making false statements under s. 13.69 (6m), ~~by the lobbyist~~ sign the  
7 application. The applicant shall submit with the application the applicable fee under  
8 s. 13.75 (1) or (1m) and evidence that the applicant has completed 4 hours of ethics  
9 training administered by the board under s. 19.48 (9) within the preceding 24  
10 months. Upon approval of the application and ~~payment of the applicable license fee~~  
11 ~~under s. 13.75 (1) or (1m) to~~ by the board, the board shall issue a license which to the  
12 applicant. A license issued under this paragraph entitles the licensee to practice  
13 lobbying on behalf of each registered principal ~~who or which has filed for whom or~~  
14 which an authorization for that lobbyist, as required under s. 13.65 ~~for that lobbyist,~~  
15 has been filed and paid for whom or which the authorization fee required under s.  
16 13.75 (4) has been paid. The ~~A~~ license issued under this paragraph shall expire on  
17 December 31 of each even-numbered year.

18           **SECTION 130.** 13.67 of the statutes is amended to read:

19           **13.67 Identification of legislative and administrative proposals and**  
20 **topics.** (1) Except as authorized under s. 13.621, no person may engage in lobbying  
21 as a lobbyist on behalf of a principal and no principal may authorize a lobbyist to  
22 engage in lobbying on its behalf unless the principal reports to the board, in such  
23 manner as the board may prescribe, each legislative proposal, budget bill subject,  
24 proposed procurement, and proposed administrative rule number in connection with  
25 which the principal has made or intends to make a lobbying communication or, if the

1 lobbying does not relate to a legislative proposal or proposed administrative rule that  
2 has been numbered or a specific proposed procurement or a budget bill subject, each  
3 topic of a lobbying communication made or intended to be made by the principal. A  
4 principal shall describe any topic of a lobbying communication with reasonable  
5 specificity, sufficient to identify the subject matter of the lobbying communication  
6 and whether the communication is an attempt to influence legislative or  
7 administrative action, or both. The principal shall file the report no later than the  
8 end of the 15th day after the date on which the principal makes a lobbying  
9 communication with respect to a legislative proposal, proposed administrative rule,  
10 proposed procurement, budget bill subject or other topic not previously reported by  
11 the principal under this section during the biennial period for which the principal is  
12 registered. The report shall be made by a person who is identified by the principal  
13 under s. 13.64 (1) (e).

14 (2) Any person who is not a principal may, upon payment of the fee prescribed  
15 under s. 13.75 (5), register with the board an interest in any legislative proposal,  
16 proposed administrative rule, proposed procurement, budget bill subject or other  
17 topic.

18 **SECTION 131.** 13.68 (1) (bp) of the statutes is created to read:

19 13.68 (1) (bp) For each proposed procurement in regard to which a lobbyist for  
20 the principal attempted to influence administrative action, the principal's  
21 reasonable estimate of the proportion of its time spent in lobbying associated with  
22 that proposed procurement.

23 **SECTION 132.** 13.695 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 13.695 (1) (a) The name of the agency filing the statement;

25 **SECTION 133.** 13.695 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           13.695 (1) (b) The name, title, and salary, which is paid by the state, of each  
2 officer or employee engaged in such legislative activity, ~~the~~.

3           (c) The proportionate amount of time spent on legislative activity and the  
4 general area of legislative action by each such officer or employee.

5           (d) The number of each introduced bill on or about which the officer or employee  
6 has attempted to influence legislative action.

7           **SECTION 134.** 13.75 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           13.75 (5) Registering an interest in a legislative proposal, proposed  
9 administrative rule, proposed procurement, budget bill subject or other topic under  
10 13.67 (2), \$10, except that no fee is required for an individual who is eligible for the  
11 veterans fee waiver program under s. 45.44.

12           **SECTION 135.** 19.42 (11s) of the statutes is created to read:

13           19.42 (11s) “Procurement” means the purchase of materials, supplies,  
14 equipment, or contractual services exceeding the total value of \$50,000.

15           **SECTION 136.** 19.45 (8) (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

16           19.45 (8) (b) No former state public official, for 12 months following the date  
17 on which he or she ceases to be a state public official, may, for compensation, on behalf  
18 of any person other than a governmental entity, make any formal or informal  
19 appearance before, or negotiate with, any officer or employee of a department in  
20 connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding, application, contract,  
21 proposed procurement, claim, or charge which might give rise to a judicial or  
22 quasi-judicial proceeding which was under the former official’s responsibility as a  
23 state public official within 12 months prior to the date on which he or she ceased to  
24 be a state public official.

1 (c) No former state public official may, for compensation, act on behalf of any  
2 party other than the state in connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial  
3 proceeding, application, contract, proposed procurement, claim, or charge which  
4 might give rise to a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding in which the former official  
5 participated personally and substantially as a state public official.

6 **SECTION 137.** 24.66 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 24.66 (3) (b) *For long-term loans by unified school districts.* Every application  
8 for a loan, the required repayment of which exceeds 10 years, shall be approved and  
9 authorized for a unified school district by a majority vote of the members of the school  
10 board at a regular or special meeting of the school board. Every vote so required shall  
11 be by ayes and noes duly recorded. In addition, the application shall be approved for  
12 a unified school district by a majority vote of the electors of the school district at ~~a~~  
13 special an election as provided under sub. (4).

14 **SECTION 138.** 24.66 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 24.66 (4) POPULAR VOTE, WHEN REQUIRED. If any municipality is not empowered  
16 by law to incur indebtedness for a particular purpose without first submitting the  
17 question to its electors, the application for a state trust fund loan for that purpose  
18 must be approved and authorized by a majority vote of the electors at ~~a special an~~  
19 election called, authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and noticed and held in the manner  
20 provided for other ~~special elections~~ referendums. The question to be voted on shall  
21 be filed as provided in s. 8.37. The notice of the election referendum shall state the  
22 amount of the proposed loan and the purpose for which it will be used.

23 **SECTION 139.** 32.72 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 32.72 (1) Sections 32.50 to 32.71 do not take effect in any city until the following  
25 question is submitted to the electors of the city at ~~a special an~~ election, authorized

1 under s. 8.065 (2), and adopted by a majority vote of the electors voting: “Shall  
2 subchapter II of chapter 32, Wisconsin Statutes, be effective in the city of .....,  
3 thus allowing the city to acquire and condemn property for street widening and  
4 similar purposes, financed through assessments of benefits and damages?”. The  
5 question shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37.

6 **SECTION 140.** 38.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 38.15 (1) Subject to sub. (3), if the district board intends to make a capital  
8 expenditure in excess of \$1,500,000, excluding moneys received from gifts, grants or  
9 federal funds, for the acquisition of sites; the purchase or construction of buildings;  
10 the lease/purchase of buildings if costs exceed \$1,500,000 for the lifetime of the lease;  
11 building additions or enlargements; or the purchase of fixed equipment relating to  
12 any such activity, it shall adopt a resolution stating its intention to do so and  
13 identifying the anticipated source of revenue for each project and shall submit the  
14 resolution to the electors of the district for approval. The referendum may be held  
15 at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and shall be noticed, called, and  
16 conducted as provided in s. 67.05 (3) insofar as applicable. For the purposes of this  
17 section, all projects located on a single campus site within one district which are bid  
18 concurrently or which are approved by the board under s. 38.04 (10) within a 2-year  
19 period shall be considered as one capital expenditure project.

20 **SECTION 141.** 38.16 (3) (br) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 38.16 (3) (br) 1. If a district board wishes to exceed the limit under par. (b)  
22 otherwise applicable to the district in 2011 or 2012, it shall adopt a resolution  
23 supporting inclusion in the final district budget of an amount equal to the proposed  
24 excess levy. The resolution shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after  
25 adopting the resolution, the district board shall submit a copy of the resolution to the



1 ~~board and shall~~ notify the board of the scheduled date of the referendum ~~and submit~~  
2 ~~a copy of the resolution to the board. The district board shall call a special~~  
3 ~~referendum to be called~~ for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors  
4 of the district for approval or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the district~~  
5 ~~board may specify that the~~ The referendum shall be held at the next succeeding  
6 ~~spring primary or election or partisan primary or general election, if such election~~  
7 ~~is to be held~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not sooner than 42 days after  
8 the filing of the resolution of the district board. The district board shall certify the  
9 results of the referendum to the board within 10 days after the referendum is held.

10 **SECTION 142.** 59.08 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 59.08 (7) (b) The question of the consolidation of the counties shall be submitted  
12 to the voters at the next election ~~to be held on the first Tuesday in April, or the next~~  
13 ~~regular election, or at a special election~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) to be held on  
14 ~~the day fixed in a date specified in the order issued under par. (a), which day date~~  
15 ~~shall be no sooner than 70 days from the completion of the consolidation agreement~~  
16 ~~and which date~~ shall be the same in each of the counties proposing to consolidate.  
17 A copy of the order shall be filed with the county clerk of each of the counties as  
18 provided in s. 8.37. ~~If the question of consolidation is submitted at a special election,~~  
19 ~~it shall be held not less than 70 days nor more than 88 days from the completion of~~  
20 ~~the consolidation agreement, but not within 60 days of any spring or general election.~~

21 **SECTION 143.** 59.605 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 59.605 (3) (a) 1. If the governing body of a county wishes to exceed the operating  
23 levy rate limit otherwise applicable to the county under this section, it shall adopt  
24 a resolution to that effect. The resolution shall specify either the operating levy rate  
25 or the operating levy that the governing body wishes to impose for either a specified

1 number of years or an indefinite period. The governing body shall ~~call a special~~  
2 ~~referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the county~~  
3 ~~for approval or rejection. In lieu of a special referendum, the governing body may~~  
4 ~~specify that~~ provide for the referendum to be held at the next succeeding spring  
5 ~~primary or election or partisan primary or general election to be held~~ authorized  
6 under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not earlier than 70 days after the adoption of the  
7 resolution of the governing body. The governing body shall file the resolution to be  
8 submitted to the electors as provided in s. 8.37.

9 **SECTION 144.** 60.62 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 60.62 (2) If the county in which the town is located has enacted a zoning  
11 ordinance under s. 59.69, the exercise of the authority under sub. (1) is subject to  
12 approval by the town meeting or by a referendum vote of the electors of the town to  
13 be held at the time of any regular or special an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).  
14 The question for the referendum vote shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37.

15 **SECTION 145.** 60.74 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 60.74 (5) (b) A petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40, signed by  
17 qualified electors of the district equal to at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the vote cast for  
18 governor in the district at the last gubernatorial election, and requesting a change  
19 to appointment of commissioners, may be submitted to the town board, subject to  
20 sub. (5m) (a). The petition shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. Upon receipt of the  
21 petition, the town board shall submit the question to the electors at a referendum to  
22 be held at the next regular spring election or general election, or shall call a special  
23 an election for that purpose authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The inspectors shall count  
24 the votes and submit a statement of the results to the commission. The commission

1 shall canvass the results of the election and certify the results to the town board  
2 which has authority to appoint commissioners.

3 **SECTION 146.** 61.187 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 61.187 (1) PROCEDURE. Whenever a petition conforming to the requirements  
5 of s. 8.40, signed by at least one-third as many electors of any village as voted for  
6 village officers at the next preceding election for village officers in that village, shall  
7 be presented to the village board, and filed as provided in s. 8.37, praying for  
8 dissolution of the village, the village board shall submit to the electors of the village  
9 the question whether or not the village shall be dissolved. The question shall be  
10 determined by ballot, in substantially the manner provided by ss. 5.64 (2) and 10.02,  
11 at ~~a general~~ an election ~~or at a special election called by the village board for that~~  
12 ~~purpose~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

13 **SECTION 147.** 61.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 61.46 (1) GENERAL; LIMITATION. The village board shall, on or before December  
15 15 in each year, by resolution to be entered of record, determine the amount of  
16 corporation taxes to be levied and assessed on the taxable property in such village  
17 for the current year. Before levying any tax for any specified purpose, exceeding one  
18 percent of the assessed valuation aforesaid, the village board shall, and in all other  
19 cases may in its discretion, submit the question of levying the same to the village  
20 electors at ~~any general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) by giving  
21 10 days' notice thereof prior to such election by publication in a newspaper published  
22 in the village, if any, and if there is none, then by posting notices in 3 public places  
23 in said village, setting forth in such notices the object and purposes for which such  
24 taxes are to be raised and the amount of the proposed tax. The village board shall  
25 file the question as provided in s. 8.37.

1           **SECTION 148.** 62.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           62.09 (1) (a) The officers shall be a mayor, treasurer, clerk, comptroller,  
3 attorney, engineer, one or more assessors unless the city is assessed by a county  
4 assessor under s. 70.99, one or more constables as determined by the common  
5 council, a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or local board of health, as  
6 defined in s. 250.01 (3), street commissioner, board of police and fire commissioners  
7 except in cities where not applicable, chief of police except in a city where it is not  
8 applicable, chief of the fire department except in a city where it is not applicable, chief  
9 of a combined protective services department except in a city where it is not  
10 applicable, board of public works, 2 alderpersons from each aldermanic district, and  
11 such other officers or boards as are created by law or by the council. If one  
12 alderperson from each aldermanic district is provided under s. 66.0211 (1), the  
13 council may, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote of all its members and  
14 approved by the electors at ~~a general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065  
15 (2), provide that there shall be 2 alderpersons from each aldermanic district. If a city  
16 creates a combined protective services department under s. 62.13 (2e) (a) 1., it shall  
17 create the office of chief of such a department and shall abolish the offices of chief of  
18 police and chief of the fire department.

19           **SECTION 149.** 62.13 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           62.13 (6) (b) The provisions of this subsection shall apply only if adopted by the  
21 electors. Whenever not less than 70 days prior to ~~a regular city~~ an election specified  
22 under s. 8.065 (2) a petition therefor, conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 and  
23 signed by electors equal in number to not less than ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the total vote  
24 cast in the city for governor at the last general election, shall be filed with the clerk  
25 as provided in s. 8.37, the clerk shall give notice in the manner of notice of the regular

1 city election of a referendum on the adoption of this subsection. Such referendum  
2 election shall be held with the regular city an election, and authorized under s. 8.065  
3 (2), the ballots shall conform with the provisions of ss. 5.64 (2) and 10.02, and the  
4 question shall be “Shall s. 62.13 (6) of the statutes be adopted?”

5 **SECTION 150.** 64.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 64.03 (1) Every ordinance or resolution for the adoption of ss. 64.01 to 64.15,  
7 and every petition for a special referendum election on the same, shall state the  
8 number of members of which the council herein provided for shall be composed, the  
9 term of office of its members, which term shall not exceed 2 years, whether they shall  
10 be nominated and elected from aldermanic districts or from the city at large, and the  
11 compensation, if any, which they shall receive.

12 **SECTION 151.** 64.39 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 64.39 (3) Upon filing such petition, the mayor shall, by proclamation, submit  
14 the questions prescribed in sub. (1) at ~~a special~~ an election ~~to be held at a time~~  
15 ~~specified therein and within 2 months after such petition is filed~~ authorized under  
16 s. 8.065 (2). The election upon such question shall be conducted, the vote canvassed,  
17 and the result declared in the same manner as provided by law for other city  
18 elections.

19 **SECTION 152.** 66.0101 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0101 (8) A charter ordinance enacted or approved by a vote of the electors  
21 controls over any prior or subsequent act of the legislative body of the city or village.  
22 If the electors of any city or village by a majority vote have adopted or determined  
23 to continue to operate under either ch. 62 or 64, or have determined the method of  
24 selection of members of the governing board, the question shall not again be  
25 submitted to the electors, nor action taken on the question, within a period of 2 years.

1 Any election to change or amend the charter of any city or village, other than ~~a~~  
2 special an election ~~as provided in~~ called under s. 9.20 (4), shall be held at the time  
3 provided by statute for holding the spring election.

4 **SECTION 153.** 66.0211 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 66.0211 (1) ORDER. The circuit court's order for an incorporation referendum  
6 shall specify the voting place and the date of the referendum, which shall be ~~not less~~  
7 ~~than 6 weeks from the date of the order~~ scheduled in accordance with s. 8.065 (2), and  
8 name 3 inspectors of election. If the order is for a city incorporation referendum the  
9 order shall further specify that 7 alderpersons shall be elected at large from the  
10 proposed city. The city council at its first meeting shall determine the number and  
11 boundaries of wards in compliance with s. 5.15 (1) and (2), and the combination of  
12 wards into aldermanic districts. The number of alderpersons per aldermanic district  
13 shall be determined by charter ordinance.

14 **SECTION 154.** 66.0213 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 66.0213 (6) REORGANIZATION OF CITY AS VILLAGE. If the population of any city falls  
16 below 1,000 as determined by the United States census, the council may upon filing  
17 of a petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 containing the signatures of  
18 at least ~~15%~~ 15 percent of the electors submit at ~~any general or city~~ an election  
19 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) the question whether the city shall reorganize as a  
20 village. If three-fifths of the votes cast on the question are for reorganization the  
21 mayor and council shall record the return in the office of the register of deeds, file a  
22 certified copy with the clerk of the circuit court, and immediately call an election, to  
23 be conducted as are village elections, for the election of village officers. Upon the  
24 qualification of the officers, the board of trustees shall declare the city reorganized  
25 as a village, and the reorganization is effective. The clerk shall certify a copy of the

1 declaration to the secretary of state who shall file the declaration and endorse a  
2 memorandum of the declaration on the record of the certificate of incorporation of the  
3 city. Rights and liabilities of the city continue in favor of or against the village.  
4 Ordinances, so far as within the power of the village, remain in force until changed.

5 **SECTION 155.** 66.0215 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 66.0215 (2) REFERENDUM. At the next regular meeting of the town board  
7 following the filing of the petition under sub. (1), the board by resolution shall provide  
8 for a referendum by the electors of the town, which shall be scheduled in accordance  
9 with s. 8.065 (2). The resolution shall conform to the requirements of s. 5.15 (1) and  
10 (2) and shall determine the numbers and boundaries of each ward of the proposed  
11 city and the time of voting, which may not be earlier than 6 weeks after the adoption  
12 of the resolution. The resolution may direct that a census be taken of the resident  
13 population of the territory on a day not more than 10 weeks previous to the date of  
14 the election, exhibiting the name of every head of a family and the name of every  
15 person who is a resident in good faith of the territory on that day, and the lot or  
16 quarter section of land on which that person resides, which shall be verified by the  
17 affixed affidavit of the person taking the census.

18 **SECTION 156.** 66.0217 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 66.0217 (3) (b) *Annexation by referendum.* A petition for a referendum on the  
20 question of annexation may be filed with the city or village clerk signed by a number  
21 of qualified electors residing in the territory equal to at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the  
22 votes cast for governor in the territory at the last gubernatorial election, and the  
23 owners of at least ~~50%~~ 50 percent of the real property either in area or assessed value.  
24 The petition shall conform to the requirements of s. 8.40. The referendum shall be  
25 scheduled in accordance with s. 8.065 (2).

1           **SECTION 157.** 66.0217 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           66.0217 (7) (a) 3. If the notice indicates that the petition is for a referendum  
3 on the question of annexation, the clerk of the city or village shall file the notice as  
4 provided in s. 8.37. If the notice indicates that the petition is for a referendum on the  
5 question of annexation, the town clerk shall give notice as provided in par. (c) of a  
6 referendum of the electors residing in the area proposed for annexation to be held at  
7 the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor~~  
8 ~~more than 100 days~~ after the date of personal service or mailing of the notice required  
9 under this paragraph. If the notice indicates that the petition is for direct  
10 annexation, no referendum shall be held unless within 30 days after the date of  
11 personal service or mailing of the notice required under this paragraph, a petition  
12 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 requesting a referendum is filed with the  
13 town clerk as provided in s. 8.37, signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors  
14 residing in the area proposed to be annexed. If a petition requesting a referendum  
15 is filed, the clerk shall give notice as provided in par. (c) of a referendum of the electors  
16 residing in the area proposed for annexation to be held at the next election authorized  
17 under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after the  
18 receipt of the petition, and shall mail a copy of the notice to the clerk of the city or  
19 village to which the annexation is proposed. The referendum shall be held at a  
20 convenient place within the town to be specified in the notice.

21           **SECTION 158.** 66.0217 (7) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           66.0217 (7) (d) *How conducted.* The referendum shall be conducted by the town  
23 election officials ~~but the town board may reduce the number of election officials for~~  
24 ~~that election.~~ The ballots shall contain the words “For annexation” and “Against  
25 annexation” and shall otherwise conform to the provisions of s. 5.64 (2). The election



1 shall be conducted as are other town elections in accordance with chs. 6 and 7 to the  
2 extent applicable.

3 **SECTION 159.** 66.0219 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 66.0219 (4) (b) The referendum election shall be held at the next election  
5 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~  
6 ~~days~~ after the filing of the order as provided in s. 8.37, in the territory proposed for  
7 annexation, by the electors of that territory as provided in s. 66.0217 (7), so far as  
8 applicable. The ballots shall contain the words “For Annexation” and “Against  
9 Annexation”. The certification of the election inspectors shall be filed with the clerk  
10 of the court, and the clerk of any municipality involved, but need not be filed or  
11 recorded with the register of deeds.

12 **SECTION 160.** 66.0225 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 66.0225 (2) CONTESTED ANNEXATIONS. Any 2 municipalities whose boundaries  
14 are immediately adjacent at any point and who are parties to an action, proceeding,  
15 or appeal in court for the purpose of testing the validity of an annexation may enter  
16 into a written stipulation, compromising and settling the litigation and determining  
17 the portion of the common boundary line between the municipalities that is the  
18 subject of the annexation. The court having jurisdiction of the litigation, whether the  
19 circuit court, the court of appeals, or the supreme court, may enter a final judgment  
20 incorporating the provisions of the stipulation and fixing the common boundary line  
21 between the municipalities involved. A stipulation changing boundaries of  
22 municipalities shall be approved by the governing body of each municipality and s.  
23 66.0217 (9) and (11) shall apply. A change of municipal boundaries under this section  
24 is subject to a referendum of the electors residing within the territory whose  
25 jurisdiction is subject to change under the stipulation, if within 30 days after the

1 publication of the stipulation to change boundaries in a newspaper of general  
2 circulation in that territory, a petition for a referendum conforming to the  
3 requirements of s. 8.40 signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors residing  
4 within that territory is filed with the clerk of the municipality from which the greater  
5 area is proposed to be removed and is filed as provided in s. 8.37. The referendum  
6 shall be held at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and conducted as are  
7 annexation referenda. If the referendum election fails, all proceedings under this  
8 section are void.

9 **SECTION 161.** 66.0227 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 66.0227 (3) The governing body of a city, village, or town involved may, ~~or if~~  
11 submit the question to the electors of the city, village, or town whose electors  
12 petitioned for detachment at a referendum election called for that purpose. If a  
13 petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40, signed by a number of qualified  
14 electors equal to at least ~~5%~~ 5 percent of the votes cast for governor in the city, village,  
15 or town at the last gubernatorial election, and demanding a referendum, is presented  
16 to ~~it~~ the governing body of a city, village, or town involved within 30 days after the  
17 passage of either of the ordinances under sub. (2), the governing body shall, submit  
18 the question to the electors of the city, village, or town whose electors petitioned for  
19 detachment, at a referendum election called for that purpose. A referendum called  
20 under this subsection shall be held at the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2)  
21 that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after the filing of the  
22 petition, ~~or after~~ the enactment of either ordinance. The petition shall be filed as  
23 provided in s. 8.37. If a number of electors cannot be determined on the basis of  
24 reported election statistics, the number shall be determined in accordance with s.  
25 60.74 (6). The governing body of the municipality shall appoint 3 election inspectors

1 who are resident electors to supervise the referendum. The ballots shall contain the  
2 words “For Detachment” and “Against Detachment”. The inspectors shall certify the  
3 results of the election by their attached affidavits and file a copy with the clerk of each  
4 town, village, or city involved, and none of the ordinances may take effect nor be in  
5 force unless a majority of the electors approve the question. The referendum election  
6 shall be conducted in accordance with chs. 6 and 7 to the extent applicable.

7 **SECTION 162.** 66.0305 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.0305 (6) (b) The advisory referendum shall be held at the next election  
9 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~  
10 ~~days~~ after adoption of the resolution under par. (a) calling for the referendum or not  
11 less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after receipt of the petition under par. (a)  
12 by the municipal or county clerk. The municipal or county clerk shall give notice of  
13 the referendum by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
14 political subdivision, both on the publication day next preceding the advisory  
15 referendum election and one week prior to that publication date.

16 **SECTION 163.** 66.0307 (4) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 66.0307 (4) (e) 2. The advisory referendum shall be held at the next election  
18 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~  
19 ~~days~~ after adoption of the resolution under subd. 1. calling for the referendum or not  
20 less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after receipt of the petition by the  
21 municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall give notice of the referendum by  
22 publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, both  
23 on the publication day next preceding the advisory referendum election and one  
24 week prior to that publication date.

25 **SECTION 164.** 66.0602 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           66.0602 (4) (a) A political subdivision may exceed the levy increase limit under  
2 sub. (2) if its governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution  
3 is approved in submitted to the electors of the political subdivision for approval or  
4 rejection at a referendum. The resolution shall specify the proposed amount of  
5 increase in the levy beyond the amount that is allowed under sub. (2), and shall  
6 specify whether the proposed amount of increase is for the next fiscal year only or if  
7 it will apply on an ongoing basis. ~~With regard to a referendum relating to the 2005~~  
8 ~~levy, or any levy in an odd-numbered year thereafter, the political subdivision may~~  
9 ~~call a special referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors~~  
10 ~~of the political subdivision for approval or rejection. With regard to a referendum~~  
11 ~~relating to the 2006 levy, or any levy in an even-numbered year thereafter, the The~~  
12 ~~political subdivision shall hold the referendum shall be held at the next succeeding~~  
13 ~~spring primary or election or partisan primary or general election authorized under~~  
14 ~~s. 8.065 (2).~~

15           **SECTION 165.** 66.0619 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           66.0619 (2m) (b) If a referendum is to be held on a resolution, the municipal  
17 governing body shall file the resolution as provided in s. 8.37 and shall direct the  
18 municipal clerk to call a special election for the purpose of submitting submit the  
19 resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at a referendum ~~on approval or~~  
20 ~~rejection. In lieu of a special election, the municipal governing body may specify that~~  
21 ~~the election be held at the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan~~  
22 ~~primary or general held at the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).~~

23           **SECTION 166.** 66.0815 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           66.0815 (1) (c) An ordinance under sub. (1) may not take effect until 60 days  
25 after passage and publication unless sooner approved by a referendum. Within the

1 60–day period electors equal in number to ~~20%~~ 20 percent of those voting at the last  
2 regular municipal election may file a petition requesting a referendum. The petition  
3 shall be in writing and filed with the clerk and as provided in s. 8.37. The petition  
4 shall conform to the requirements of s. 8.40. Each signer shall state his or her  
5 residence and signatures shall be verified by the affidavit of an elector. The  
6 referendum shall be held at ~~the next regular municipal~~ an election, ~~or at a special~~  
7 ~~election within 90 days of the filing of the petition~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The  
8 ordinance may not take effect unless approved by a majority of the votes cast. This  
9 paragraph does not apply to extensions by a utility previously franchised by the  
10 village, city, or town.

11 **SECTION 167.** 66.0921 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 66.0921 (2) FACILITIES AUTHORIZED. A municipality may enter into a joint  
13 contract with a nonprofit corporation organized for civic purposes and located in the  
14 municipality to construct or otherwise acquire, equip, furnish, operate and maintain  
15 a facility to be used for municipal and civic activities if a majority of the voters voting  
16 in a referendum at ~~a special election or at a spring primary or election or partisan~~  
17 ~~primary or general~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) approve the question of  
18 entering into the joint contract.

19 **SECTION 168.** 66.1103 (10) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.1103 (10) (d) The governing body may issue bonds under this section  
21 without submitting the proposition to the electors of the municipality or county for  
22 approval unless within 30 days from the date of publication of notice of adoption of  
23 the initial resolution for the bonds, a petition conforming to the requirements of s.  
24 8.40, signed by not less than ~~5%~~ 5 percent of the registered electors of the  
25 municipality or county, or, if there is no registration of electors in the municipality

1 or county, by ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the number of electors of the municipality or county  
2 voting for the office of governor at the last general election as determined under s.  
3 115.01 (13), is filed with the clerk of the municipality or county and as provided in  
4 s. 8.37 requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds. If  
5 a petition is filed, the bonds may not be issued until approved by a majority of the  
6 electors of the municipality or county voting on the referendum at ~~a general or~~  
7 ~~special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

8 **SECTION 169.** 66.1113 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 66.1113 (2) (g) The village of Sister Bay may enact an ordinance or adopt a  
10 resolution declaring itself to be a premier resort area under par. (a) even if less than  
11 40 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within Sister Bay  
12 is used by tourism–related retailers. The village may not impose the tax authorized  
13 under par. (b) unless the village board adopts a resolution proclaiming its intent to  
14 impose the tax and the resolution is approved by a majority of the electors in the  
15 village voting on the resolution at a referendum, to be held at ~~the first spring primary~~  
16 ~~or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election following authorized under s.  
17 8.065 (2) that follows by at least 70 days the date of adoption of the resolution.

18 **SECTION 170.** 66.1113 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 66.1113 (2) (h) The village of Ephraim may enact an ordinance or adopt a  
20 resolution declaring itself to be a premier resort area under par. (a) even if less than  
21 40 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within Ephraim  
22 is used by tourism–related retailers. The village may not impose the tax authorized  
23 under par. (b) unless the village board adopts a resolution proclaiming its intent to  
24 impose the tax and the resolution is approved by a majority of the electors in the  
25 village voting on the resolution at a referendum, to be held at ~~the first spring primary~~

1 ~~or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election following authorized under s.  
2 8.065 (2) that follows by at least 70 days the date of adoption of the resolution.

3 **SECTION 171.** 67.05 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 172.** 67.05 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 173.** 67.05 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 67.05 (3) (f) If a special purpose district calls a referendum under this section,  
7 the governing body shall call the referendum to be held in conjunction with ~~a state,~~  
8 ~~county, municipal or judicial~~ an election, the authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The  
9 polling places for the ~~state, county, municipal or judicial~~ election shall be the polling  
10 places for the special purpose district referendum and the municipal election hours  
11 shall apply. ~~If no state, county, municipal or judicial election is held on the day of the~~  
12 ~~special purpose district referendum, the governing body of the special purpose~~  
13 ~~district may select the polling places to be used, except as otherwise provided in s.~~  
14 ~~120.06 (9) (b) in the case of a school district. If a polling place located in the special~~  
15 ~~purpose district that was utilized at the most recent spring or general election is not~~  
16 ~~utilized by the special purpose district, the governing body of the special purpose~~  
17 ~~district shall post a notice on the door of the polling place indicating all polling places~~  
18 ~~open for voting. The municipal clerk of each municipality in which a polling place~~  
19 ~~is located shall provide the necessary equipment to operate the polling place.~~

20 **SECTION 174.** 67.05 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 67.05 (4) PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM IN COUNTIES. If a county board adopts an  
22 initial resolution for an issue of county bonds to provide for the original construction  
23 or for the improvement and maintenance of highways,; to provide railroad aid,; or to  
24 construct, acquire, or maintain, or to aid in constructing, acquiring, or maintaining,  
25 a bridge over or across any stream or other body of water bordering upon or

1 intersecting any part of the county, the county clerk is not required to submit the  
2 resolution for approval to the electors of the county at a ~~special election~~ referendum  
3 unless within 30 days after the adoption thereof there is filed with the clerk a petition  
4 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 requesting such submission, signed by  
5 electors numbering at least ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the votes cast in the county for  
6 governor at the last general election. If a petition is filed, the county board shall hold  
7 the referendum at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2), and the question  
8 submitted shall be whether the resolution shall be or shall not be approved. No such  
9 resolution of a county board other than those specified in this subsection need be  
10 submitted to county electors, except as provided otherwise in sub. (7).

11 **SECTION 175.** 67.05 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 67.05 (5) (a) Whenever a town board adopts an initial resolution has been so  
13 ~~adopted by the governing body of a town, the town clerk of the municipality shall~~  
14 immediately record the resolution and shall call a special election referendum for the  
15 purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the municipality town for  
16 approval. ~~This paragraph does not apply to bonds issued to finance low-interest~~  
17 ~~mortgage loans under s. 62.237, unless a number of electors equal to at least 15% of~~  
18 ~~the votes cast for governor at the last general election in their town sign and file a~~  
19 ~~petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 with the town clerk requesting~~  
20 ~~submission of the resolution. Whenever a number of electors cannot be determined~~  
21 ~~on the basis of reported statistics, the number shall be determined in accordance~~  
22 ~~with s. 60.74 (6). If a petition is filed, the question submitted shall be whether the~~  
23 ~~resolution shall or shall not be approved~~ or rejection. The referendum shall be held  
24 at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2). This paragraph is limited in its scope  
25 by sub. (7).



1           **SECTION 176.** 67.05 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 67.05 (5) (b) 1. and  
2 amended to read:

3           67.05 (5) (b) 1. No city or village may issue bonds for any purposes other than  
4 for water systems; lighting works; gas works; bridges; street lighting; street  
5 improvements; street improvement funding; hospitals; airports; harbor  
6 improvements; river improvements; breakwaters and protection piers; sewerage;  
7 garbage disposal; rubbish or refuse disposal; any combination of sewage, garbage,  
8 or refuse or rubbish disposal; parks and public grounds; swimming pools and band  
9 shells; veterans housing projects; paying the municipality's portion of the cost of  
10 abolishing grade crossings; for the construction of police facilities and combined fire  
11 and police safety buildings; for the purchase of sites for engine houses; for fire  
12 engines and other equipment of the fire department; for construction of engine  
13 houses; and for pumps, water mains, reservoirs and all other reasonable facilities  
14 for fire protection apparatus or equipment for fire protection; for parking lots or  
15 other parking facilities; for school purposes; for libraries; for buildings for the  
16 housing of machinery and equipment; for acquiring and developing sites for  
17 industry and commerce as will expand the municipal tax base; subject to subd. 2.,  
18 for financing the cost of low-interest mortgage loans under s. 62.237; for providing  
19 financial assistance to blight elimination, slum clearance, community development,  
20 redevelopment, and urban renewal programs and projects under ss. 66.1105,  
21 66.1301 to 66.1329, and 66.1331 to 66.1337; to issue appropriation bonds under s.  
22 62.62 to pay unfunded prior service liability with respect to an employee retirement  
23 system; or for University of Wisconsin System college campuses, as defined in s.  
24 36.05 (6m), until the proposition for their issue for the special purpose has been  
25 submitted to the electors of the city or village and adopted by a majority vote. Except

1 as provided under sub. (15), if the common council of a city or the village board of a  
2 village declares its purpose to raise money by issuing bonds for any purpose other  
3 than those specified in this subsection, it shall direct by resolution, which shall be  
4 recorded at length in the record of its proceedings, the clerk to call a ~~special election~~  
5 referendum for the purpose of submitting the question of bonding to the city or  
6 village electors. ~~If~~ The referendum shall be held at an election authorized under s.  
7 8.065 (2).

8 2. If the governing body of a municipality, as defined in s. 62.237 (1) (d), adopts  
9 an initial resolution to issue bonds for financing the cost of low-interest loans under  
10 s. 62.237 and a number of electors of a city or village that municipality equal to at  
11 least 15% 15 percent of the votes cast for governor at the last general election in their  
12 city or village that municipality sign and file a petition conforming to the  
13 requirements of s. 8.40 with the city or village clerk of that municipality requesting  
14 submission of the resolution, the city or village that municipality may not issue  
15 bonds for financing the cost of low-interest mortgage loans under s. 62.237 without  
16 calling a special election to submit referendum for the purposes of submitting the  
17 question of bonding to the city or village electors of that municipality for their  
18 approval. The referendum shall be held at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

19 **SECTION 177.** 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. Direct the school district clerk to ~~call a special election for~~  
21 ~~the purpose of submitting~~ submit the resolution to the electors for approval or  
22 rejection, ~~or direct that the resolution be submitted at the next regularly scheduled~~  
23 ~~primary or an election to be held~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not earlier  
24 than 45 days after the adoption of the resolution. The resolution shall not be effective  
25 unless adopted by a majority of the school district electors voting at the referendum.

1           **SECTION 178.** 67.05 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           67.05 (**6m**) (b) If a referendum is to be held on an initial resolution, the district  
3 board shall direct the technical college district secretary to ~~call a special election for~~  
4 ~~the purpose of submitting~~ submit the initial resolution to the electors for ~~a~~  
5 ~~referendum on approval or rejection at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).~~ In  
6 lieu of a special election, the district board may specify that the election be held at  
7 the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary or general  
8 election.

9           **SECTION 179.** 67.10 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          67.10 (**5**) (b) Any city having ~~voted~~ approved the issuance of bonds at a special  
11 referendum election held in accordance with s. 8.065 (2) and having sold a portion  
12 thereof may negotiate, sell, or otherwise dispose of the same in the manner provided  
13 by statute within 9 years of the date of the ~~election voting~~ referendum approving the  
14 same.

15          **SECTION 180.** 67.12 (12) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16          67.12 (**12**) (e) 2. Unless the purpose and amount of the borrowing have been  
17 approved by the electors under s. 67.05 (6a) or deemed approved by the electors under  
18 s. 67.05 (7) (d) 3., the purpose is to refund any outstanding municipal obligation, the  
19 purpose is to pay unfunded prior service liability contributions under the Wisconsin  
20 retirement system if all of the proceeds of the note will be used for that purpose, the  
21 borrowing would not be subject to a referendum as a bond issue under s. 67.05 (7) (cc),  
22 (h) or (i), or subd. 2g. or par. (f) or (h) applies, the school district clerk shall, within  
23 10 days after a school board adopts a resolution under subd. 1. to issue a promissory  
24 note in excess of \$5,000, publish notice of such adoption as a class 1 notice, under ch.  
25 985. Alternatively, the notice may be posted as provided under s. 10.05. The notice

1 need not set forth the full contents of the resolution, but shall state the maximum  
2 amount proposed to be borrowed, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was  
3 adopted under this subsection, and the place where, and the hours during which, the  
4 resolution may be inspected. If, within 30 days after publication or posting, a petition  
5 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the school district clerk for a  
6 referendum on the resolution signed by at least 7,500 electors of the district or at  
7 least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the number of district electors voting for governor at the last  
8 general election, as determined under s. 115.01 (13), whichever is the lesser, then the  
9 resolution shall not be effective unless adopted by a majority of the district electors  
10 voting at the referendum. The referendum shall be held at an election authorized  
11 under s. 8.065 (2) and called in the manner provided under s. 67.05 (6a), except that  
12 the question which appears on the ballot shall be “Shall .... (name of district) borrow  
13 the sum of \$.... for (state purpose) by issuing its general obligation promissory note  
14 (or notes) under section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin Statutes?”.

15 **SECTION 181.** 67.12 (12) (e) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 67.12 (12) (e) 5. Within 10 days of the adoption by a technical college district  
17 board of a resolution under subd. 1. to issue a promissory note for a purpose under  
18 s. 38.16 (2), the secretary of the district board shall publish a notice of such adoption  
19 as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985. The notice need not set forth the full contents of  
20 the resolution, but shall state the amount proposed to be borrowed, the method of  
21 borrowing, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was adopted under this  
22 subsection and the place where and the hours during which the resolution is  
23 available for public inspection. If the amount proposed to be borrowed is for building  
24 remodeling or improvement and does not exceed \$1,500,000 or is for movable  
25 equipment, the district board need not submit the resolution to the electors for

1 approval unless, within 30 days after the publication or posting, a petition  
2 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the secretary of the district  
3 board requesting a referendum ~~at a special election to be called for that purpose.~~  
4 Such petition shall be signed by electors from each county lying wholly or partially  
5 within the district. The number of electors from each county shall equal at least ~~1.5%~~  
6 1.5 percent of the population of the county as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c). If a  
7 county lies in more than one district, the technical college system board shall  
8 apportion the county's population as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c) to the districts  
9 involved and the petition shall be signed by electors equal to the appropriate  
10 percentage of the apportioned population. ~~In lieu of a special election, the~~ The  
11 ~~district board may specify that~~ shall hold the referendum ~~shall be held~~ at the next  
12 ~~succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election  
13 authorized under s. 8.065 (2). Any resolution to borrow amounts of money in excess  
14 of \$1,500,000 for building remodeling or improvement shall be submitted to the  
15 electors of the district for approval. If a referendum is held or required under this  
16 subdivision, no promissory note may be issued until the issuance is approved by a  
17 majority of the district electors voting at such referendum. The referendum shall be  
18 noticed, called, and conducted under s. 67.05 (6a) insofar as applicable, except that  
19 ~~the notice of special election and ballot need not embody a copy of the resolution and~~  
20 ~~the question which shall appear on the ballot shall be~~ "Shall ... (name of district) be  
21 authorized to borrow the sum of \$... for (state purpose) by issuing its general  
22 obligation promissory note (or notes) under section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin  
23 Statutes?"

24 **SECTION 182.** 82.03 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           82.03 (2) (b) The town board, by resolution, submits to the electors of the town  
2 as a referendum at ~~a general or special town~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065  
3 (2) the question of exceeding the limit set under this subsection. A copy of the  
4 resolution shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. The board shall abide by the majority  
5 vote of the electors of the town on the question. The question shall read as follows:

6           Shall the town of ... spend up to \$.... over ..., which is the annual limit of the  
7 product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the  
8 town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town, as determined  
9 under section 86.302 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the construction, maintenance,  
10 and repair of its highways and bridges?

11           FOR SPENDING    AGAINST SPENDING   

12           **SECTION 183.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the administrator of the elections  
14 division of the government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to  
15 match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained  
16 by the government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) and the information  
17 specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information in the operating  
18 record file database under ch. 343 and vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to  
19 the extent required to enable the secretary of transportation and the administrator  
20 of the elections division of the government accountability board to verify the accuracy  
21 of the information provided for the purpose of voter registration.

22           **SECTION 184.** 86.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           86.21 (2) (a) Before any such toll bridge is constructed or acquired under this  
24 section, a resolution authorizing the construction or acquisition thereof, and  
25 specifying the method of payment therefor, shall be adopted by a majority of the

1 members of the governing body of such county, town, village, or city at a regular  
2 meeting, after publication of said resolution, as a class 2 notice, under ch. 985. The  
3 resolution shall include a general description of the property it is proposed to acquire  
4 or construct. Any county, town, village, or city constructing or acquiring a toll bridge  
5 under this section may provide for the payment of the same or any part thereof from  
6 the general fund, from taxation, or from the proceeds of either municipal bonds, or  
7 revenue bonds or as otherwise provided by law. Such resolution shall not be effective  
8 until 15 days after its passage and publication. If, within said 15 days, a petition  
9 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 ~~is filed with the clerk of such municipality,~~  
10 ~~and filed as provided in s. 8.37,~~ signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors  
11 ~~thereof of the municipality, and~~ requesting that the question of acquiring such toll  
12 bridge be submitted to the said electors, ~~such is filed with the clerk of the~~  
13 municipality as provided in s. 8.37, the question shall be submitted at the next  
14 ~~general or regular municipal election~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that is held not  
15 sooner than 70 days from the date of filing such petition. The question submitted to  
16 the electors shall specify the method of payment for such toll bridge as provided in  
17 the resolution for the acquisition thereof. If no such petition is filed, or if the majority  
18 of votes cast at such referendum election are in favor of the acquisition of such toll  
19 bridge, then the resolution of the governing body for the acquisition of such toll  
20 bridge shall be in effect.

21 **SECTION 185.** 92.11 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 92.11 (4) (c) *Wording of ballot question; procedure.* The county board shall  
23 include the wording of the question to be placed before the electors in the referendum  
24 as a part of the ordinance adopted under this section or the revision to an ordinance  
25 adopted under this section. Upon the adoption of the ordinance or revision the county

1 board shall forward a copy of the ordinance or revision to the county clerk who shall  
2 cause the question to be placed before the voters of the affected area in the next  
3 ~~spring or general~~ election ~~occurring~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less  
4 than 70 days after the adoption of the ordinance or revision. The form of the ballot  
5 shall correspond substantially to the form prescribed under s. 5.64 (2).

6 **SECTION 186.** 117.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 117.20 (2) The clerk of each affected school district shall publish notice, as  
8 required under s. ~~8.55~~ 10.06 (4), in the territory of that school district. The  
9 procedures for school board elections under s. 120.06 (9), (11), (13), and (14) apply to  
10 a referendum held under this section. The school board and school district clerk of  
11 each affected school district shall each perform, for that school district, the functions  
12 assigned to the school board and the school district clerk, respectively, under those  
13 subsections. The form of the ballot shall correspond to the form prescribed by the  
14 government accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). The clerk of each  
15 affected school district shall file with the secretary of the board a certified statement  
16 prepared by the school district board of canvassers of the results of the referendum  
17 in that school district.

18 **SECTION 187.** 119.48 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 119.48 (4) (b) The communication shall state the purposes for which the funds  
20 from the increase in the levy rate will be used and shall request the common council  
21 to submit to the voters of the city the question of exceeding the levy rate specified in  
22 s. 65.07 (1) (f) at the ~~September election or a special~~ an election authorized under s.  
23 8.065 (2).

24 **SECTION 188.** 119.48 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:



1           119.48 (4) (c) Upon receipt of the communication, the common council shall file  
2 the communication as provided in s. 8.37 and shall cause the question of exceeding  
3 the levy rate specified under s. 65.07 (1) (f) to be submitted to the voters of the city  
4 at the ~~September election or at a special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).  
5 The question of exceeding the levy rate specified under s. 65.07 (1) (f) shall be  
6 submitted so that the vote upon exceeding the levy rate specified in s. 65.07 (1) (f) is  
7 taken separately from any other question submitted to the voters. If a majority of  
8 the electors voting on the question favors exceeding the levy rate specified under s.  
9 65.07 (1) (f), the common council shall approve the increase in the levy rate and shall  
10 levy and collect a tax equal to the amount of money approved by the electors.

11           **SECTION 189.** 119.49 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           119.49 (1) (b) The communication shall state the amount of funds needed under  
13 par. (a) and the purposes for which the funds will be used and shall request the  
14 common council to submit to the voters of the city at the next election ~~held in the city~~  
15 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) the question of issuing school bonds in the amount and  
16 for the purposes stated in the communication.

17           **SECTION 190.** 119.49 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           119.49 (2) Upon receipt of the communication, the common council shall file the  
19 communication as provided in s. 8.37 and shall cause the question of issuing such  
20 school bonds in the stated amount and for the stated school purposes to be submitted  
21 to the voters of the city at the next election ~~held in the city~~ authorized under s. 8.065  
22 (2). The question of issuing such school bonds shall be submitted so that the vote  
23 upon issuing such school bonds is taken separately from any other question  
24 submitted to the voters. If a majority of the electors voting on the school bond  
25 question favors issuing such school bonds, the common council shall cause the school

1 bonds to be issued immediately or within the period permitted by law, in the amount  
2 requested by the board and in the manner other bonds are issued.

3 **SECTION 191.** 121.91 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 121.91 (3) (a) If a school board wishes to exceed the limit under sub. (2m)  
5 otherwise applicable to the school district in any school year, it shall promptly adopt  
6 a resolution supporting inclusion in the final school district budget of an amount  
7 equal to the proposed excess revenue. The resolution shall specify whether the  
8 proposed excess revenue is for a recurring or nonrecurring purpose, or, if the  
9 proposed excess revenue is for both recurring and nonrecurring purposes, the  
10 amount of the proposed excess revenue for each purpose. The resolution shall be filed  
11 as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after adopting the resolution, the school board  
12 shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department and shall notify the  
13 department of the scheduled date of the referendum ~~and submit a copy of the~~  
14 ~~resolution to the department. The school board shall call a special referendum to be~~  
15 called for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the school district  
16 for approval or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the school board may~~  
17 ~~specify that the~~ The referendum shall be held at the next succeeding ~~spring primary~~  
18 ~~or election or partisan primary or general election, if such election is to be held~~  
19 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not sooner than 70 days after the filing of  
20 the resolution of the school board. The school district clerk shall certify the results  
21 of the referendum to the department within 10 days after the referendum is held.

22 **SECTION 192.** 197.04 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 197.04 (1) (b) If within either of the 90-day periods described in par. (a) a  
24 petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the clerk of the  
25 municipality as provided in s. 8.37 and the petition has been signed by ~~5%~~ 5 percent

1 of the electors of a 1st class city or by ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the electors of all other  
2 municipalities requesting that the question of discontinuing the proceeding to  
3 acquire the plant or equipment of the public utility be submitted to the electors of the  
4 municipality, the applicable question under par. (c) shall be submitted to the electors  
5 at ~~any general or regular municipal~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that is  
6 held not less than 70 and ~~not more than 75~~ days from the date of the filing of the  
7 petition. ~~If no general election or regular municipal election is to be held within the~~  
8 ~~stated periods, the governing body of the municipality shall order the holding of a~~  
9 ~~special election, to be held not less than 70 days from the date of filing of the petition,~~  
10 ~~for the purpose of submitting the question to the electors.~~

11 **SECTION 193.** 197.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 197.04 (2) The governing body of the municipality may provide for notice of,  
13 the manner of holding, the method of voting on, the method of making returns of, and  
14 the method of canvassing and determining the result of, the election required under  
15 sub. (1). Notice of the election to the electors shall be given by a brief notice of that  
16 fact once a week for 3 weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in  
17 the municipality. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the  
18 municipality, publication may be made in any newspaper of general circulation in the  
19 county seat of the county in which the municipality is located. ~~The notice of holding~~  
20 ~~any special election shall be incorporated as a part of the notice given under this~~  
21 ~~subsection.~~

22 **SECTION 194.** 197.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 197.10 (2) Such contract when adopted by the common council of said city and  
24 accepted by the owner or owners of such public utility shall be submitted to the public  
25 service commission for its approval and upon such approval the same shall be filed

1 as provided in s. 8.37 and submitted in such manner as the common council shall  
2 determine to a vote of the electors of such city at the next ~~regular municipal~~ election  
3 ~~or at a special election called for that purpose~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2), and such  
4 contract shall not become binding upon such city until approved by a majority vote  
5 of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon. No bonds shall in any case be  
6 issued by said city under the contract or contracts mentioned in sub. (1), until the  
7 proposition of their issue shall have been submitted to the people of such city and  
8 adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

9 **SECTION 195.** 198.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 198.19 (1) Any territory, constituting one or more municipalities contiguous to  
11 a district, may be annexed to and become a part of such district to all intents and  
12 purposes and with like effect as though originally included therein upon such terms  
13 and conditions as the board of directors of the district shall fix by ordinance adopted  
14 by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors-elect, provided that before such  
15 ordinance becomes effective the same shall be accepted and ratified by the  
16 affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors entitled to vote and voting in  
17 a ~~special election~~ referendum called and held for that purpose, at an election  
18 authorized under s. 8.065 (2), in each municipality proposed in such ordinance to be  
19 annexed to the district. Such ordinance shall be published and such election shall  
20 be noticed, held, and conducted, as nearly as may be, in the manner provided by this  
21 chapter for the noticing, holding, and conduct of elections upon the organization of  
22 a municipal power district, except that the returns of such election and the ballots  
23 therein shall be delivered to the clerk of the district. The results of said election shall  
24 be canvassed publicly by the directors of the district.

25 **SECTION 196.** 227.52 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

1           227.52 (8) Decisions of the government accountability board under s. 7.30 (4)  
2 (e) that are subject to appeal to the attorney general.

3           **SECTION 197.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

4           **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this  
5 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except  
6 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the  
7 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting  
8 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the  
9 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), or to the person to whom the signature relates.

10          **SECTION 198.** 343.027 of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Acts 20 and  
11 2013 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

12          **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this  
13 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential, except  
14 that the department shall release a signature or a facsimile of a signature to the  
15 department of revenue for the purposes of administering state taxes and collecting  
16 debt, to the government accountability board, in electronic or digital format, for the  
17 purposes specified in s. 6.30 (5), to the person to whom the signature relates, to a  
18 court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village, or town attorney,  
19 law enforcement agency, or to the driver licensing agency of another jurisdiction.

20          **SECTION 199. Nonstatutory provisions.**

21          (1) No later than July 1, 2014, the government accountability board and the  
22 department of transportation shall report to the joint committee on finance  
23 concerning its progress in implementing an electronic voter registration system.

24          **SECTION 200. Initial applicability.**

1           (1) The treatment of sections 13.62 (12e), 13.67, 13.68 (1) (bp), and 13.75 (5) of  
2 the statutes, the renumbering and amendment of section 13.62 (1) of the statutes,  
3 and the creation of section 13.62 (1) (b) of the statutes first apply with respect to  
4 reporting periods that begin on or after the effective date of this subsection.

5           (2) The treatment of section 13.63 (1) (a) of the statutes first applies to  
6 applications for a license to act as a lobbyist filed on July 1, 2015.

7           (3) The treatment of sections 19.42 (11s) and 19.45 (8) (b) and (c) of the statutes  
8 first applies to the conduct of a former state public official on the effective date of this  
9 subsection.

10           (4) The treatment of sections 5.02 (19), 7.15 (2) (d), 7.52 (8), 8.05 (3) (d) and (e),  
11 8.06, 8.065, 9.20 (4), 24.66 (3) (b) and (4), 32.72 (1), 38.15 (1), 38.16 (3) (br) 1., 59.08  
12 (7) (b), 59.605 (3) (a) 1., 60.62 (2), 60.74 (5) (b), 61.187 (1), 61.46 (1), 62.09 (1) (a), 62.13  
13 (6) (b), 64.03 (1), 64.39 (3), 66.0101 (8), 66.0211 (1), 66.0213 (6), 66.0215 (2), 66.0216  
14 (2) (e), 66.0217 (3) (b) and (7) (a) 3. and (d), 66.0219 (4) (b), 66.0225 (2), 66.0227 (3),  
15 66.0305 (6) (b), 66.0307 (4) (e) 2., 66.0602 (4) (a), 66.0619 (2m) (b), 66.0815 (1) (c),  
16 66.0921 (2), 66.1103 (10) (d), 66.1113 (2) (g) and (h), 67.05 (3) (a) 2. and 4. and (f), (4),  
17 (5) (a) and (b), (6a) (a) 2. a., and (6m) (b), 67.10 (5) (b), 67.12 (12) (e) 2. and 5., 82.03  
18 (2) (b), 86.21 (2) (a), 92.11 (4) (c), 117.20 (2), 119.48 (4) (b) and (c), 119.49 (1) (b) and  
19 (2), 121.91 (3) (a) (as it relates to the scheduling of referendums), 197.04 (1) (b) and  
20 (2), 197.10 (2), and 198.19 (1) of the statutes first applies to a referendum called or  
21 scheduled on the effective date of this subsection.

#### 22           **SECTION 201. Effective dates.**

23           (1) The treatment of section 11.21 (16) of the statutes takes effect on the first  
24 day of the 6th month beginning after publication.

1           (2) The treatment of sections 5.056, 6.24 (3), 6.275 (1) (b), 6.28 (1), 6.30 (1), 6.32,  
2           6.33 (1) and (2) (a), 6.34 (2), 6.35 (1) (intro.), 6.36 (2) (c), 6.40 (1) (a) 1. and (c), 6.50  
3           (10), 6.55 (2) (d), 6.86 (3) (c), 6.87 (4) (b) 1., 7.08 (1) (c), and 85.61 (1) of the statutes,  
4           the amendment of section 343.027 of the statutes, and the repeal and recreation of  
5           section 343.027 of the statutes, and the creation of sections 6.30 (5), 6.34 (2m) and  
6           (4), and 6.35 92) of the statutes take effect on January 1, 2015.

7           (3) The repeal and recreation of section 343.027 of the statutes takes effect on  
8           January 1, 2015, or on the date on which the creation of section 343.165 of the  
9           statutes by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 takes effect, whichever is later.

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