



**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
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2005-06

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Reform...**

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Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform

Senate Bill 612

Relating to: administration of elections; providing exemptions from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making authority; and providing penalties.

By Joint Legislative Council.

February 20, 2006 Referred to Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform.

February 22, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Joe Leibham — Senator
- Kelly Johnson — on behalf of Senator Erpenbach
- Susan Edman, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee Election Commission

Appearances Against

- Paul Malischke, Madison

Appearances for Information Only

- Kevin Kennedy — State Elections Board

Registrations For

- Shirley Haidinger, Madison
- George Penn, Madison
- Bill Adamski, Madison
- Andrea Kaminski, Madison — League of Women Voters of WI

Registrations Against

- None.

March 1, 2006 EXECUTIVE SESSION - POLLING

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Lazich that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Lazich that **LRB a2489/1** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (4) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas and Carpenter.

Noes: (1) Senator Hansen.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF LRB A2489/1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Lazich that **Senate Bill 612** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Patrick Henneger
Committee Clerk

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Carpenter

Please return your vote via ballot to Senator Reynolds' office (306 South) by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 2nd, 2006.

Any questions on the attached amendments can be directed to Russ Whitesel, Legislative Council for the committee. His direct line is 6-0922.

Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Sue Bauman** of Madison, as a member of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, to serve for the term ending March 1, 2011.

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Kathryn Daley** of Green Bay, as a member of the Auctioneer Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 268** relating to mandatory and permissive subjects of collective bargaining under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 736** relating to drug and alcohol testing of employees who are required to be paid the prevailing wage rate for work performed on projects of public works, other than state highway projects, and providing a penalty..

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 857** relating to final offer limits under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Joint Resolution 36** relating to requiring a photographic identification to vote, or register to vote, at the polls on election day (first consideration).

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a2564/1 (copy attached) to **Senate Bill 564** relating to the number of ballots authorized to be printed at an election.

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION (Answer both alternatives)

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage as amended (if amendment passes)

Aye _____ Nay ✓

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage (if amendment fails)

Aye _____ Nay ✓

MOTION

Recommend adoption of **Senate Amendment 1** (attached) to **Senate Bill 612** relating to administration of elections; providing exemptions from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making authority; and providing penalties.

Aye ✓ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a2489/1 (copy attached) to **Senate Bill 612**

Aye _____ Nay ✓

← *Changed to Aye per the Senator's request*
3-6-06

MOTION (Answer all alternatives)

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if both SA 1 and LRB a2489 pass)

Aye _____ Nay ✓

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if SA 1 passes but LRB a2489 fails)

Aye _____ Nay _____

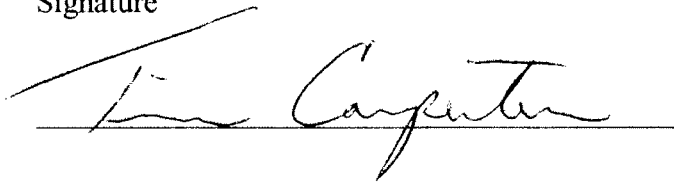
Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if LRB a2489 passes but SA 1 fails)

Aye _____ Nay _____

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage (if both SA1 and LRB a2489 fail)

Aye _____ Nay _____

Signature

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Hansen

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Thank you.

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Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Kathryn Daley** of Green Bay, as a member of the Auctioneer Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 268** relating to mandatory and permissive subjects of collective bargaining under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

Aye _____ Nay X

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 736** relating to drug and alcohol testing of employees who are required to be paid the prevailing wage rate for work performed on projects of public works, other than state highway projects, and providing a penalty..

Aye X Nay

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 857** relating to final offer limits under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

Aye Nay X

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Joint Resolution 36** relating to requiring a photographic identification to vote, or register to vote, at the polls on election day (first consideration).

Aye Nay X

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a2564/1 (copy attached) to **Senate Bill 564** relating to the number of ballots authorized to be printed at an election.

Aye X Nay

MOTION (Answer both alternatives)

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage as amended (if amendment passes)

Aye _____ Nay X

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage (if amendment fails)

Aye _____ Nay X

MOTION

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Aye X _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a2489/1 (copy attached) to **Senate Bill 612**

Aye _____ Nay X

MOTION (Answer all alternatives)

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Aye X _____ Nay _____

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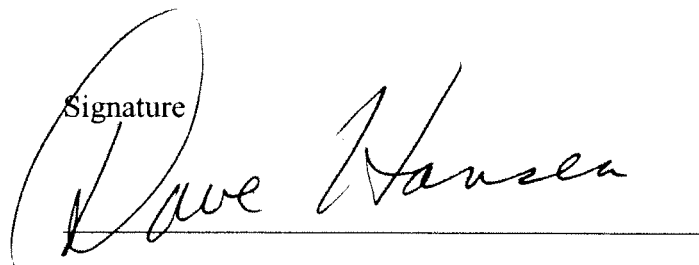
Aye X Nay _____

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Aye X Nay _____

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage (if both SA1 and LRB a2489 fail)

Aye X Nay _____

Signature
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Kanavas

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Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Sue Bauman** of Madison, as a member of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, to serve for the term ending March 1, 2011.

Aye ✓ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Kathryn Daley** of Green Bay, as a member of the Auctioneer Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Aye ✓ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 268** relating to mandatory and permissive subjects of collective bargaining under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

Aye ✓ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 736** relating to drug and alcohol testing of employees who are required to be paid the prevailing wage rate for work performed on projects of public works, other than state highway projects, and providing a penalty..

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend concurrence of **Assembly Bill 857** relating to final offer limits under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

Aye _____ Nay _____

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Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION (Answer both alternatives)

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage as amended (if amendment passes)

Aye _____ Nay _____

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage (if amendment fails)

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend adoption of **Senate Amendment 1** (attached) to **Senate Bill 612** relating to administration of elections; providing exemptions from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making authority; and providing penalties.

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend introduction and adoption of LRB a2489/1 (copy attached) to **Senate Bill 612**

Aye _____ Nay _____

MOTION (Answer all alternatives)

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if both SA 1 and LRB a2489 pass)

Aye _____ Nay _____

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Aye _____ Nay _____

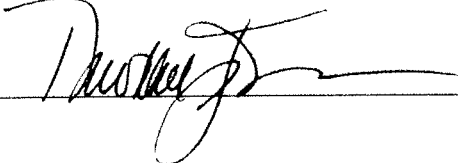
Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if LRB a2489 passes but SA 1 fails)

Aye _____ Nay _____

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage (if both SA1 and LRB a2489 fail)

Aye _____ Nay _____

Signature



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

Paper Ballot: Senator Lazich

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Thank you.

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Sue Bauman** of Madison, as a member of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, to serve for the term ending March 1, 2011.

Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

Recommend confirmation of **Kathryn Daley** of Green Bay, as a member of the Auctioneer Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

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Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

MOTION (Answer both alternatives)

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Aye X Nay _____

Recommend **Senate Bill 564** for passage (if amendment fails)

Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

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MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

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Aye X Nay _____

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if SA 1 passes but LRB a2489 fails)

Aye X Nay

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage as amended (if LRB a2489 passes but SA 1 fails)

Aye X Nay

Recommend **Senate Bill 612** for passage (if both SA1 and LRB a2489 fail)

Aye X Nay

Signature

 Mary Hanich

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ELECTION PROCESS
REFORM

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Aye / Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

MOTION

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Aye X Nay _____

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Aye ~~_____~~ Nay _____

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Aye ~~_____~~ Nay _____

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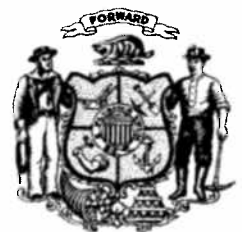
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WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*Terry C. Anderson, Director
Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: SENATOR JOSEPH LEIBHAM

FROM: Robert J. Conlin, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Description of Proposed Amendment to LRB-3947/1, Relating to the Administration of Elections

DATE: January 18, 2006

SB 612

This memorandum describes changes you are proposing to LRB-3947/1, relating to the administration of elections. As you know, that draft legislation is the product of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Election Law Review and will be considered by the Joint Legislative Council on January 18, 2006. Your proposed amendments would be offered after the draft has been introduced by the JLC and referred to a standing committee in the Senate. Your proposed changes are described below.

1. **Residential Lease.** The draft would be changed to include a residential lease in the list of items that could be used as "proof of residence" for purposes of voter registration.
2. **Deadline for Late, In-Person Registration.** The provisions of the draft changing the deadline for late, in-person registration in the clerk's office from the day before the election to the Friday before the election would be eliminated. Accordingly, the deadline would remain as 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the day before the election.
3. **Prepaid Postage on Voter Registration Forms.** The draft would be changed to restore the provisions of current law that require voter registration forms to contain prepaid return postage.
4. **Proof of Residence at Registration, "Roving" Registration Deputies, and Legibility of Registration Forms.** The draft would be revised to retain current law as to when proof of residence is required at registration. The draft would be changed to restore the provisions of current law that authorize "roving" registration deputies but would require them to be trained. A "roving" deputy would be required to sign and print his or her name on the registration form affirming that the deputy has accepted the form. These requirements would also apply

to same day voter registration deputies. Additionally, all voter registrations collected by "roving" deputies would be subject to audit by the municipal clerk before the registrant is added to the statewide voter registration list using a process similar to that required with same day registration. Finally, due to the increased accountability placed on "roving" deputies by this amendment, the draft would be revised to remove the specific direction that registration forms be reviewed for legibility before being accepted.

5. **Deadline for Request for Absentee Ballots.** The provisions of the draft changing the deadline for the receipt of absentee ballot applications from the Friday before an election to the 6th day before an election would be changed to set the deadline at the 5th day before an election.
6. **Prepaid Return Postage for Absentee Ballots.** The draft would be modified to restore the requirement under current law that absentee ballots be sent by municipal clerks with prepaid return postage.
7. **Absentee Ballots to Permanent or Temporary Address.** The draft would be modified to restore current law regarding the mailing of absentee ballots by eliminating the requirement that absentee ballots only be mailed to an elector's permanent or temporary residence.
8. **Alternate Absentee Ballot Site.** The provisions of the draft concerning the alternate absentee ballot site would be revised to provide that the site chosen be publicly accessible, as near as practicable to the clerk's office, and not be located to provide a partisan advantage. Also, when the site is chosen, public notice of the site must be posted in the clerk's office and on the Internet.
9. **Uniform Registration Cards.** A new provision would be added to require registrations be done on Uniform Registration Cards created by the Elections Board.
10. **Effective Date.** The effective date would be changed to July 1, 2006.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this memorandum.

RJC:tlu