



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 387
[2009 Senate Bill 528]

**Methods of Voting by
Members of a Cooperative**

A member of a cooperative who is entitled to vote on a motion but absent from the membership meeting where the vote is held may vote by submitting a signed paper ballot, if the cooperative makes such ballots available to members.

2009 Wisconsin Act 387 specifies that an absent member may vote on a motion by electronic means if all of the following apply:

1. The cooperative permits voting by absentee ballot.
2. The bylaws provide for electronic voting.
3. The cooperative is able to authenticate the identity of the voting member.
4. The cooperative gives the vote the same effect as a paper absentee ballot.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.