



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 259

Assembly Amendment 1

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Generally, under current law, before being allowed to vote at any polling place, an elector must provide his or her name and address. If registration is required in order to vote and the elector is not registered, the elector must provide a specified form of proof of residence in order to register.

Assembly Bill 259 requires, among other things, that in most instances, each elector attempting to register to vote or attempting to vote at the polls on election day must present either a valid Wisconsin driver's license that contains the elector's photograph or a valid Wisconsin identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). In addition, under the bill, the DOT must issue an identification card without charge upon the request of the applicant.

Assembly Amendment 1 creates a sum sufficient appropriation from moneys lapsed to the Transportation Fund under the provisions of 2001 Wisconsin Act 16 (the Biennial Budget Act) resulting from appropriation account lapses and fund transfers from the Wisconsin Retirement System contribution savings, in an amount equal to the amount of fees not collected under the bill for the issuance or renewal of identification cards without charge. The purpose of the appropriation is to cover the cost of issuing or renewing such identification cards. The appropriation lasts for one year from the effective date of its creation, i.e., the day after publication of the bill as an act.

Assembly Amendment 1 was adopted by the Assembly on November 6, 2001, on a vote of Ayes, 67; Noes, 31. The bill, as amended, was passed by the Assembly on November 8, 2001, on a vote of Ayes, 61; Noes, 36.

A motion for reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed was entered on November 8, 2001.

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