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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 123

March 5, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Freese, Gunderson, Bies, Vrakas, Hines, Ladwig, Stone, Ott, Hundertmark, Kestell, Albers, Owens, Musser and Ainsworth, cosponsored by Senators S. Fitzgerald, Stepp and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

AN ACT *to create* 5.05 (11), 20.002 (11) (d) 2m., 20.510 (1) (x), 25.17 (1) (e) and 25.425 of the statutes; **relating to:** financing of election administration costs, creation of an election administration fund, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, this state is eligible to receive federal financial assistance for the purchase of voting equipment, compliance with federal requirements for the conduct of federal elections and other election administration costs, construction of barrier–free polling places, and outreach and training of election officials to enable greater participation of individuals with disabilities in federal elections. To be eligible for most of this federal assistance, this state must make expenditures from state moneys equal to at least 5% of the amount spent by this state for the same purposes for which federal assistance is received.

This bill appropriates to the Elections Board all amounts received by this state from the federal government under this act. The bill does not provide any state matching contribution. The bill permits the Elections Board to use the federal aid to provide financial assistance to eligible counties and municipalities for election administration purposes authorized by federal law. The bill also establishes a segregated fund, as required by federal law, for disbursement of all federal moneys to be expended for election administration purposes under the Help America Vote Act.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **Section 1.** 5.05 (11) of the statutes is created to read: 2 5.05 (11) AIDS TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES. From the appropriation under 3 s. 20.510 (1) (x), the board may provide financial assistance to eligible counties and 4 municipalities for election administration costs. **Section 2.** 20.002 (11) (d) 2m. of the statutes is created to read: 5 20.002 (11) (d) 2m. The election administration fund. 6 7 **Section 3.** 20.510 (1) (x) of the statutes is created to read: 8 20.510 (1) (x) Federal aid. From the election administration fund, all moneys 9 received from the federal government, as authorized by the governor under s. 16.54, 10 to be used for election administration costs under P.L. 107–252. 11 **Section 4.** 25.17 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read: 12 25.17 (1) (e) Election administration fund (s. 25.425); 13 **Section 5.** 25.425 of the statutes is created to read: 25.425 Election administration fund. There is established a separate 14 15 nonlapsible trust fund, designated the election administration fund, consisting of all 16 moneys received from the federal government under P.L. 107–252.

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