



State of Wisconsin
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2019 SENATE BILL 916

March 26, 2020 - Introduced by Senators LARSON, SMITH and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representative BROSTOFF. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 6.895 of the statutes; **relating to:** sending absentee ballots to
2 registered voters during a state of emergency.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the municipal clerk or board of elections commissioners to automatically send absentee ballots to all registered voters no later than 7 days prior to any primary or election held during a state of emergency. Under current law, absentee ballots are sent automatically only to those voters who have specifically requested that option.

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 6.895 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **6.895 Voting by absentee ballot during an emergency.** Notwithstanding
5 any provision to the contrary, if the governor issues an executive order declaring a
6 state of emergency under s. 323.10, absentee ballots shall be sent to all registered

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1 voters no later than 7 days prior to any primary or election held during the period
2 covered by the order, including any extension under s. 323.10.

3 (END)