



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 39
[2015 Senate Bill 71]

**Clerks Registering Voters
on Election Day**

2015 Wisconsin Act 39 addresses the registration of voters at the polling place on Election Day by municipal clerks and special registration deputies (SRDs).

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REGISTERING VOTERS

Election inspectors (poll workers) or SRDs generally register voters who choose to register at the polling place on Election Day. Act 39 also permits the municipal clerk to register voters on Election Day, unless the clerk is a candidate on the ballot for that Election Day.

SRDS REGISTERING VOTERS

Prior law provided that SRDs could only perform registration duties at the polling place on Election Day if the municipal governing body or board of election commissioners passed a resolution authorizing the use of SRDs. Act 39 eliminates the requirement for passage of a resolution before SRDs may register voters at the polls. Under the Act, the clerk or board of election commissioners may appoint SRDs to register voters on Election Day after determining that such action will facilitate the registration process.

TRAINING FOR SRDS

Prior law contained an ambiguity regarding whether training was required for SRDs registering voters on Election Day. Act 39 resolves the ambiguity regarding these SRDs by removing a statutory exception to clarify that the SRDs **are** subject to the training requirement.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.