



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 47

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2015 Senate Bill 47 changes the timeframe in which a municipal clerk must respond to a request for an absentee ballot.

2015 SENATE BILL 47

Under **current law**, when an elector has requested an absentee ballot from a municipal clerk in accordance with requirements specified in the statutes, the clerk must send an official absentee ballot to the elector:

- No later than the 47th day before each partisan primary and general election, if the request is made before that day.
- No later than the 21st day before each other primary and election, if the request is made before that day.
- And, in all other cases, within one day of the receipt of the request.

The **bill** provides that the clerk must respond to a request for an absentee ballot no later than one business day after receipt of the request.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

The **amendment** provides that current law would remain in place with respect to requests made prior to the 47th day before a partisan primary or general election, or the 21st day before each other primary or election. The amendment also specifies that, in all other cases, a municipal clerk must send an official absentee ballot within one *business* day of the receipt of the request,

as opposed to one *day* under current law. A “business day” is defined as any day from Monday to Friday, not including a legal holiday.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Harsdorf on March 23, 2015. On April 16, 2015, the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

The Senate adopted the amendment on April 21, 2015, on a voice vote, and passed the bill on the same day, also on a voice vote.

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