



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0200 - Secretary of State Chapter 14 Changes

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT**

***Secretary of state***

This bill provides that the Office of the Secretary of State is the exclusive office that may affix the great seal of the state of Wisconsin to a document and authenticate the document. The bill also provides that the Office of the Secretary of State must provide apostille services.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 14.38 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

14.38 (9) FURNISH CERTIFIED COPIES; FEES. Make a copy of any law, resolution, deed, bond, record, document or paper deposited or kept in his or her office, upon request therefor, attach thereto his or her certificate, with the greater or lesser seal affixed, and collect therefor 50 cents per page and \$5 for such certificate; if a copy is not to be certified and if the reproduction is performed by the office of the secretary of state, then collect a fee to cover the actual and necessary cost of reproduction and actual and necessary cost of transcription required to produce the copy or \$2, whichever is greater; also to record any document authorized or required by law to be recorded in his or her office, and to charge

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therefor a fee of \$1 per page. The fee for certified copies and for certificates as to results of searches of the records and files of his or her office, when a printed form is used, shall be \$5, but when ~~a~~ an apostille or other specially prepared form is required the fee shall be \$10. Telegraphic reports as to results of record searches shall be \$5 plus the cost of the telegram. The secretary of state shall charge and collect for preparing any record or certificate under this subsection in an expeditious manner, an expedited service fee of \$25 in addition to the fee otherwise required under this subsection.

**SECTION 2.** 14.38 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

14.38 (12) AFFIX GREAT SEAL; AUTHENTICATIONS. Perform authentication services as the exclusive provider of such services and affix the great seal to such authentications in the manner necessary to perform such services.

**SECTION 3.** 14.38 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

14.38 (13) AFFIX GREAT SEAL OR LESSER SEAL; APOSTILLES. Perform apostille services and affix the great seal or a lesser seal to such apostilles in the manner necessary to perform such services.

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