

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 1168

March 10, 2022 – Introduced by Representatives Haywood, Sinicki, Brostoff, HEBL, OHNSTAD, ANDRACA, S. RODRIGUEZ, HESSELBEIN, DRAKE, SUBECK, POPE, BOWEN, STUBBS and SHELTON, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, RINGHAND, ROYS and AGARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 AN ACT to create 49.87 of the statutes; relating to: facilitating voter registration

for applicants for public assistance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires that all of the following must occur in connection with each application for public assistance in Wisconsin:

1. The person receiving the application must determine whether the applicant is registered to vote.

2. If the applicant is not registered to vote, the applicant must be provided with the opportunity to register to vote online on-site and assistance in doing so.

3. If the applicant declines that opportunity, the applicant must be provided with a voter registration form and information concerning eligibility to vote, instructions for completing the form, and, unless the applicant declines in writing, assistance in completing the form. The applicant must also be provided with a written explanation of how to register to vote in person, by mail, and by electronic means.

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:

SECTION 1. 49.87 of the statutes is created to read:

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1	49.87 Voter registration. The departments of children and families and
2	health services shall ensure that all of the following are done in connection with each
3	application for any aid, benefit, or service provided under this chapter:
4	(1) The person receiving the application shall determine whether the applicant
5	is registered to vote.
6	(2) If the applicant is not registered to vote, the applicant shall be provided with
7	the opportunity to register to vote online on-site and assistance in doing so.
8	(3) If the applicant declines the opportunity to vote online, the applicant shall
9	be provided with the voter registration form prescribed under s. 6.33 and information
10	concerning eligibility to vote, instructions for completing the form, and, unless the
11	applicant declines in writing, assistance in completing the form. The applicant shall
12	also be provided with a written explanation of how to register to vote in person under
13	s. 6.30 (1), by mail under s. 6.30 (4), and by electronic means under s. 6.30 (5).
14	(END)

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