



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 848

January 18, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives RAMTHUN, WICHGERS, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, GUNDRUM and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and NASS. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 7.23 (1) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** maintaining electronic
2 voting system or automatic tabulating equipment data for 22 months after an
3 election.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a municipal clerk may clear or erase detachable recording units and compartments for automatic tabulating equipment used in an electronic voting system in a primary or election 14 days after the primary or 21 days after the election. Before clearing or erasing the units or compartments, the municipal clerk is required to transfer the data contained in the units or compartments to a disk or other recording medium, which must be retained for at least 22 months after the primary or election to which the data relate. Under this bill, all other data stored on an electronic voting system or automatic tabulating equipment, including log file data, downloads, and uploads, must be retained for at least 22 months after the primary or election to which the data relate.

For further information see the 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 7.23 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

