

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** the minimum grade point
2 average required of a high school student to be a poll worker.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on election law review.

Generally, a pupil who is 16 or 17 years of age, who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school, and who has at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) may serve as an inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence. Approval of the pupil's parent or guardian and of the school principal is required. There must be at least one qualified elector of the state serving at the polling place for a pupil to be appointed and a pupil may not serve as chief inspector.

This draft eliminates the minimum GPA requirement and instead authorizes school boards to develop criteria for approving students to serve as poll workers.

This draft contains an effective date of January 1, 2006.

3 **SECTION 1.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is 16 or 17
5 years of age, and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school, ~~and who has~~
6 ~~at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent~~ may serve as an inspector at the polling place
7 serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the pupil's parent or guardian and of the
8 principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled. A school board or governing body of
9 a private school may establish criteria for participation by a pupil as an inspector. A pupil may
10 serve as an inspector at a polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official
11 at the polling place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil
12 may serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment by

1 any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal clerk shall
2 obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian and from the principal of the
3 school where the pupil is enrolled for the pupil to serve for the entire term for which he or she
4 is appointed. Upon appointment of a pupil to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall
5 notify the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled of the date of expiration of the
6 pupil's term of office.

7 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect on January 1, 2006.

8 (END)