

1       **AN ACT** *to amend* 7.30 (2) (am) and 7.30 (6) (a); and *to create* 7.30 (6) (am) of the  
2       statutes; **relating to:** the term of a pollworker who is a high school student.

*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 may serve as an inspector (pollworker) 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.

Under current law, the term of appointment of an inspector lasts for 2 years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

This draft modifies the term of service of a high school pupil appointed to serve as an inspector. Under the draft, a high school pupil is appointed for one election only rather for 2 years. The draft does not prohibit such pupil from being appointed to serve at future elections.

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, who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school, and who has at  
6       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 pupil may serve as an inspector at a  
9       polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling place other  
10      than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may serve as chief inspector

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

8 **SECTION 2.** 7.30 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 7.30 (6) (a) The Except as provided in par. (am), the appointed election officials shall  
10 hold office for 2 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. They shall serve  
11 at every election held in their ward during their term of office.

12 **SECTION 3.** 7.30 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

13 7.30 (6) (am) A pupil appointed as an inspector under sub. (2) (am) shall serve as an  
14 inspector only for the election for which he or she is appointed. Nothing in this paragraph shall  
15 be construed to limit the number of times a pupil may be appointed as an inspector.

16 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.** The treatment of sections 7.30 (2) (am), 7.30 (6) (a),  
17 and 7.30 (6) (am) first applies to appointments made on or after the effective date of this act.

18 **SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act takes effect on January 1, 2006.

19 (END)