

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 7.08 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** establishment of an election
2 apparatus oversight committee.

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.

This draft requires the elections board to establish an election apparatus oversight committee to provide guidance and assistance to local units of government concerning the purchasing of election apparatus and ballot forms for use in elections in this state. The committee is to consist of no more than ____ and no fewer than ____ members, all of whom must be local election officials. The executive director of the board shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 7.08 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
4 7.08 (1) (e) Establish an election apparatus oversight committee to provide guidance
5 and assistance to local units of government concerning the purchasing of election apparatus
6 and ballot forms for use in elections in this state. The committee shall consist of no more than
7 [____] and no fewer than [____] members, all of whom shall be local election officials. The
8 executive director of the board shall serve as chairperson of the committee. Members other
9 than the executive director shall serve [2-] [?-] year terms ending on [January 15 of
10 odd-numbered years] [?]. A member, other than the executive director, may serve no more
11 than [____] [consecutive] terms. The committee may issue advice and guidance to local units
12 of government and local election officials but may not promulgate rules under ch. 227.

COMMENT: How many members should this committee have? How long should the terms be and how many terms should members be able

to serve? Should the committee have additional or more specific duties? As drafted, the committee's role is only advisory in nature. Should it set standards or issue directives?

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

2 (END)