

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 12.60 (1) (b); and *to create* 12.13 (3) (ze) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the method of compensation of special voter registration deputies and providing
3 a penalty.

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.

Under current law, a municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may appoint special registration deputies who may register electors within the municipality. The state elections board may also appoint special registration deputies, who may register electors in any municipality. In addition, individuals who are not appointed as special registration deputies are free to gather and submit registrations which will be treated as mail-in registrations.

This bill prohibits any person from compensating any individual who gathers registrations at a rate that varies in relation to the number of voter registrations obtained. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and are subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both, for each offense.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 12.13 (3) (ze) of the statutes is created to read:
5 12.13 **(3)** (ze) Compensate an individual at a rate that varies in relation to the number
6 of voter registrations gathered.

7 **SECTION 2.** 12.60 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
8 12.60 **(1)** (b) Whoever violates s. 12.03, 12.05, 12.07, 12.08 or 12.13 (2) (b) 8.,(3) (b),
9 (c), (d), (g), (i), (n) to (x), (ze), (zm) or (zn) may be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned
10 not more than 6 months or both.

COMMENT: Is this penalty appropriate?

