

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 7.15 (1) (L) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring a municipal clerk
2 to establish a policy for the orderly closing of polling places.

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, any elector waiting to vote, whether within the polling booth or in the line outside the booth at the time the polls officially close must be permitted to vote.

This draft requires each municipal clerk to establish a written policy regarding how election officials at polling places in the municipality will distinguish between electors who are waiting to vote at the time the polls officially close and individuals who arrive at the polling place after the polls officially close. The policy must be posted at each polling place on election day and a copy must be provided to the county clerk.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 7.15 (1) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

7.15 (1) (L) Establish a written policy regarding how election officials at polling places in the municipality will distinguish between electors who are waiting to vote at the time the polls officially close under s. 6.78 (4) and individuals arriving at the polling place after the polls officially close. A copy of the policy shall be posted at all polling places in the municipality on election day and a copy of the policy shall be provided to the county clerk upon establishment of the policy and whenever the policy is modified.

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

11 (END)