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1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.32 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** time for sending address
2 verification cards.

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

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

Under current law, if a clerk receives a registration by mail, the clerk must send a letter or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward or aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. If the letter or postcard is returned, the clerk must change the status of the elector to ineligible. This draft specifies that the clerk must mail the letter or postcard within 10 days of receiving the registration.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 6.32 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **6.32 (4)** If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the clerk has no reliable
5 information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the clerk shall enter the
6 elector's name on the registration list and transmit a 1st class letter or postcard to the registrant,
7 specifying the elector's ward or aldermanic district, or both, if any, and polling place. The
8 letter or postcard shall be sent within 10 days of receipt of the registration form. If the letter
9 or postcard is returned, or if the clerk is informed of a different address than the one specified
10 by the elector, the clerk shall change the status of the elector on the list from eligible to
11 ineligible. The letter or postcard shall be marked in accordance with postal regulations to
12 ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector does not reside at the address given on
13 the letter or postcard.

NOTE: This SECTION specifies that a clerk must send a letter or postcard verifying the address of an elector who registers by mail within 10 days of the receipt of the registration.

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

2 (END)