ELAW: Out-of-State Driver's Licenses WLC: 0190/1

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1 **AN ACT** to amend 6.33 (1) and 6.36 (1) (a); and to create 6.36 (4) of the statutes;

2 **relating to:** registration with out–of–state driver's licenses.

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, the voter registration form must contain space for an individual to provide, among other things, either a valid operator's license number or the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number. This bill would require the form to contain a space for the applicant to provide an out–of–state driver's license number, if the applicant possesses one. In addition, the bill would require the elections board to contact the chief election official in each state for which an out–of–state driver's license number has been submitted and inquire whether the individual had voted in that state.

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

SECTION 1. 6.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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6.33 (1) The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient registration forms as prescribed by the board printed on loose—leaf sheets or cards to obtain from each applicant information as to name; date; residence location; citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number; out—of—state driver's license number, if the applicant possesses one; whether the applicant has resided within the ward or election district for at least 10 days; whether the applicant has lost his or her right to vote; and whether the applicant is currently registered to vote at any other location. The forms shall also provide a space for the applicant's signature and the ward and aldermanic district, if any, where the elector resides and any other

information required to determine the offices and referenda for which the elector is certified to vote. The forms shall also include a space where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by mail and a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification card issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial number appearing on the voting identification card. Each register of deeds shall obtain sufficient registration forms at the expense of the unit of government by which he or she is employed for completion by any elector who desires to register to vote at the office of the register of deeds under s. 6.28 (3)

NOTE: This Section adds to the registration form a space for the registrant to disclose an out–of–state driver's license, if the applicant possesses one.

SECTION 2. 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account number, if any, the number of a valid out—of—state driver's license, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), an indication of any accommodation required under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by the elector, an indication of the method by which the elector's registration form was received, and such other information as may be determined by the board to facilitate administration of elector registration requirements.

NOTE: This Section adds to the information maintained in the registration list the elector's out-of-state driver's license number, if any. 1 **SECTION 3.** 6.36 (4) of the statutes is created to read: 2 6.36 (4) [After each election], the board shall contact the chief election official in each 3 state for which an applicant has submitted an out-of-state license number under sub. (1). The 4 board shall inquire whether the individual who provided the out-of-state drier's license 5 number voted in that state. Note: This Section requires the elections board to contact the election officials in other states to see if individuals who provided out-of-state driver's license numbers at registration voted in that state. **COMMENT:** Should the board be required to do this after each election? Should the board first determine which of these electors voted in Wisconsin? 6 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect on January 1, 2006. 7 (END)