



2015 SENATE BILL 71

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.55 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing municipal clerks
2 to register voters on election day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, election inspectors may register electors to vote at a polling place on election day. In addition, a municipality may provide, by adopting a resolution, that an inspector's registration duties may be performed by special registration deputies appointed by the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners.

Under this bill, an inspector's registration duties may be performed by the municipal clerk, if the clerk is not a candidate listed on the ballot, or by special registration deputies appointed by the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners, without the municipality first adopting a resolution to allow the procedure.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 6.55 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 6.55 (6) ~~The governing body or board of election commissioners of any~~
5 municipality may provide by resolution that any Any of the registration duties of

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1 inspectors under sub. (2) shall may be carried out in the municipality by the
2 municipal clerk or by special registration deputies appointed by the municipal clerk
3 or board of election commissioners at any polling place or other registration location
4 whenever the clerk or board of election commissioners determines that the
5 registration process provided for in that subsection will be facilitated thereby. The
6 municipal clerk, however, may not carry out the registration duties of the inspectors
7 under sub. (2) if the municipal clerk is a candidate on the ballot for that election day.
8 The deputies shall be specially appointed by the clerk or board of election
9 commissioners for one election only to conduct elector registration only.

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