

# State of Wisconsin



2025 Assembly Bill 223

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## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT

**AN ACT** to renumber and amend 8.40 (2); to amend 8.10 (3) (intro.), 8.15 (4) (a), 8.20 (3) and 9.10 (2) (em) 2.; to create 8.40 (2) (b) of the statutes; relating to: residency requirements for persons circulating nomination papers or recall petitions.

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

**SECTION 1.** 8.10 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.10 (3) (intro.) The certification of a qualified circulator under s. 8.15 (4) (a) who is a qualified elector of this state shall be appended to each nomination paper. The number of required signatures on nomination papers filed under this section is as follows:

**SECTION 2.** 8.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.15 (4) (a) The certification of a qualified circulator who is a qualified elector of this state stating his or her residence with street and number, if any, shall appear at the bottom of each nomination paper, stating he or she personally circulated the nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures; he or she knows they are electors of the ward, aldermanic district, municipality or county, as the nomination papers require; he or she knows they signed the paper with full knowledge of its content; he or she knows their respective residences given; he or she knows each signer signed on the date stated opposite his or her name; and, that he or she, the circulator, is a qualified elector of this state, ~~or if not a qualified elector of this state, is a U.S. citizen age 18 or older who, if he or she were a resident~~

~~of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under s. 6.03; that he or she intends to support the candidate; and that he or she is aware that falsifying the certification is punishable under s. 12.13 (3) (a). The circulator shall indicate the date that he or she makes the certification next to his or her signature. The certification may be made by the candidate or any qualified circulator.~~

**SECTION 3.** 8.20 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.20 (3) The certification of a qualified circulator under s. 8.15 (4) (a) who is a qualified elector of this state shall be appended to each nomination paper, ~~except that for candidates for the offices of president and vice president, the certification of the qualified circulator under s. 8.15 (4) (a) shall state that the circulator is a qualified elector of this state, or if not a qualified elector of this state, is a U.S. citizen aged 18 or older who, if he or she were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under s. 6.03.~~

**SECTION 4.** 8.40 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 8.40 (2) (a) and amended to read:

8.40 (2) (a) The certification of a qualified circulator stating his or her residence with street and number, if any, shall appear at the bottom of each separate sheet of each petition specified in sub. (1), stating that he or she

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

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personally circulated the petition and personally obtained each of the signatures; that the circulator knows that they are electors of the jurisdiction or district in which the petition is circulated; that the circulator knows that they signed the paper with full knowledge of its content; that the circulator knows their respective residences given; that the circulator knows that each signer signed on the date stated opposite his or her name; that, except as provided in par. (b), the circulator is a qualified elector of this state, or if not a qualified elector of this state, that the circulator is a U.S. citizen age 18 or older who, if he or she were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under s. 6.03; and

that the circulator is aware that falsifying the certification is punishable under s. 12.13 (3) (a). The circulator shall indicate the date that he or she makes the certification next to his or her signature.

**SECTION 5.** 8.40 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

8.40 (2) (b) For a recall petition the certification under par. (a) shall state that the circulator is a qualified elector of this state.

**SECTION 6.** 9.10 (2) (em) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9.10 (2) (em) 2. The circulator is not a qualified ~~ei-~~  
culator elector of this state.

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