Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Notice Regarding Election Fraud

An elector, who is any person qualified to vote, may not intentionally do any of the following acts:

1. Vote at any election or meeting if he or she is not a qualified elector and does not meet applicable residence requirements.
2. Falsely register to vote.
3. Make false statements to the municipal clerk, board of election commissioners, or any other election official, whether or not under oath.
4. Register to vote in more than one place for the same election.
5. Impersonate a registered voter to vote at an election.
6. Pose as another person to vote at an election.
7. Vote more than once in the same election.
8. Show his or her marked ballot to any person.
9. Mark his or her ballot so it is identifiable as his or her ballot.
10. Obtain an official ballot and neglect or refuse to cast or return the ballot unless an absentee ballot.
11. Procure, assist, or advise another person to do any one of the acts described above.

A person who does any one of the above acts commits election fraud and may be fined a maximum of $10,000 or confined in the state prison for a maximum of 3 years and 6 months, or both. Wis. Stat. § 12.13(1)(a)-(h).

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No person may do any of the following acts:

1. Falsify any information in respect to or fraudulently deface or destroy a certificate of nomination, nomination paper, declaration of candidacy or petition for an election, including a recall petition or petition for a referendum; or file or receive for filing a certificate of nomination, nomination paper, declaration of candidacy or any such petition, knowing such is falsely made.
2. Prepare or cause to be prepared an official ballot with intent to change the result of the election as to any candidate or referendum.
3. Prepare an official ballot which is premarked or which has an unauthorized sticker affixed prior to delivery to an elector.
4. Deliver to an elector an official ballot bearing a mark opposite the name of a candidate or referendum question that might be counted as a vote for or against a candidate or question.
5. Before or during any election, tamper with voting machines, voting devices or automatic tabulating equipment readied for voting or the counting of votes.
6. Disarrange, deface, injure or impair any voting machine, device or equipment readied for voting or the counting of votes.
7. Mutilate, injure or destroy a ballot placed or displayed on a voting machine or device, or to be placed or displayed on any such machine, device or automatic tabulating equipment or any other appliance used in connection with the machine, device or equipment.
8. When called upon to assist an elector who cannot read or write, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English, or is unable to mark a ballot or depress a lever or button on a voting machine, inform the elector that a ballot contains names or words different than are printed or displayed on the ballot with the intent of inducing the elector to vote contrary to her or her inclination, intentionally fail to cast a vote in accordance with the elector's instructions or reveal the elector's vote to any 3rd person.
9. Forge or falsely make the official endorsements on a ballot.

10. Knowingly deposit in the ballot box a ballot on which the initials of the election inspectors or the municipal or deputy clerk do not appear.
11. Break open or violate the seals or locks on a ballot box containing election ballots without authorization during or after the election.
12. Obtain possession of a ballot box with ballots without authorization during or after an election.
13. Conceal, withhold, or destroy a ballot box or ballots without authorization during or after an election.
14. Add fraudulently or forcibly to the ballots legally deposited in a ballot box without authorization during or after an election.
15. Reduce the number of legally deposited ballots in a ballot box without authorization during or after an election.
16. Aid or abet another person to do any of the acts described in paragraphs 11 through 15 above.
17. Fraudulently change a ballot of an elector so the elector is prevented from voting for whom the elector intended.
18. After an election, break the locks or seals or reset the counters on a voting machine, when not authorized.
19. Disable a voting machine so as to prevent an accurate count of the votes from being obtained.
20. Open the registering or recording compartments of a machine with intent to do any of the acts described in paragraphs 18 or 19 above.
21. Tamper with automatic tabulating equipment or any record of votes cast or computer program which is to be used in connection with such equipment to count or recount votes at any election so as to prevent or attempt to prevent an accurate count of the votes from being obtained.

A person who does any of the above acts commits election fraud and may be fined a maximum of $10,000 or imprisoned for a maximum of 3 years, or both. Wis. Stat. §§ 12.13(3)(a), (e), (f), (j), (k), (L), (y), and (z).

No person may do any of the following acts:

1. Wrongfully suppress, neglect or fail to file nomination papers in the person's possession at the proper time and in the proper office.
2. Suppress a certificate of nomination which is duly filed.
3. Willfully or negligently fail to deliver, after having undertaken to do so, official ballots prepared for an election to the proper person, or prevent their delivery within the required time, or destroy or conceal the ballots.
4. Remove or destroy any supplies or conveniences placed in compartments or polling booths.
5. Falsify any affidavit or other statement relating to voter registration under Wis. Stat. Ch. 5 to 12.
6. Falsely make any statement for the purpose of obtaining or voting an absentee ballot under Wis. Stat. §§ 6.85 or 6.87.
7. Receive a ballot from or give a ballot to a person other than the election official in charge.
8. Vote or offer to vote a ballot other than a ballot received from one of the inspectors.
9. Receive a completed ballot from a voter unless qualified to do so.
10. Ask a person to show how he or she voted on a ballot.
11. Remove a ballot from a polling place before the polls are closed.
12. Ask another elector to offer assistance under Wis. Stat. §§ 6.82(2) or 6.87(5), except in the case of an elector who is blind or visually impaired to the extent that the elector cannot read a ballot.
13. Obtain an absentee ballot as the agent of another elector under Wis. Stat. § 6.86(3) and fail or refuse to deliver it to such elector.
14. Present false documentation of identity for the purpose of inducing an election official to permit the person or another person to vote.
15. Falsify a ballot application under Wis. Stat. § 6.18.
16. Refuse to obey a lawful order of an election inspector made to enforce the election laws.

17. Engage in disorderly behavior at or near a polling place.
18. Interrupt or disturb the voting or canvassing proceedings.
19. Compensate a person who obtains voter registration forms from other persons at a rate that varies in relation to the number of voter registrations obtained by the person.
20. Willfully provide to a municipal clerk false information for the purpose of obtaining a confidential listing under Wis. Stat. § 6.47(2) for that person or another person.
21. Disclose to any person information provided under Wis. Stat. § 6.47(8) when not authorized to do so.

A person who does any of the above acts commits election fraud and may be fined a maximum of $1,000 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both. Wis. Stat. § 12.13 (3)(b), (c), (d), (g), (i), (n) to (u), (w), (x), (ze), (zm) or (zn).