

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 786, Page 1,
2 Section A, Line 7, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "115.105. 1. The chair of the county committee of each political party named on the ballot
5 shall have the right to designate a challenger for each polling place, who may be present [during the
6 hours of voting] until all ballots are cast on the day of election, and a challenger for each location at
7 which absentee ballots are counted, who may be present while the ballots are being prepared for
8 counting and counted. No later than four business days before the election, the chair of each county
9 committee of each political party named on the ballot shall provide signed official designation forms
10 with the names of the designated challengers and substitutes to the local election authority for
11 confirmation of eligibility to serve as a challenger. The local election authority, after verifying the
12 eligibility of each designated and substitute challenger, shall sign off on the official designation
13 forms, unless the challenger is found not to have the qualifications established by subsection 5 of
14 this section. If the election authority determines that a challenger does not meet the qualifications of
15 subsection 5 of this section, the designating party chair may designate a replacement challenger and
16 provide the local election authority with the name of the replacement challenger before 5:00 p.m. of
17 the Monday preceding the election. The designating chair may substitute challengers at his or her
18 discretion during such hours.

19 2. Challenges may only be made when the challenger believes the election laws of this state
20 have been or will be violated, and each challenger shall report any such belief to the election judges,
21 or to the election authority if not satisfied with the decision of the election judges.

22 3. Prior to the close of the polls, challengers may list and give out the names of those who
23 have voted. The listing and giving out of names of those who have voted by a challenger shall not
24 be considered giving information tending to show the state of the count.

25 4. In a presidential primary election, challengers may collect information about the party
26 ballot selected by the voter and may disclose party affiliation information after the polls close.

27 5. All persons selected as challengers shall have the same qualifications required by section
28 115.085 for election judges, except that such challenger shall be a registered voter in the jurisdiction
29 of the election authority for which the challenger is designated as a challenger.

30 6. Any challenge by a challenger to a voter's identification for validity shall be made only to
31 the election judges or other election authority. If the poll challenger is not satisfied with the
32 decision of the election judges, then he or she may report his or her belief that the election laws of
33 this state have been or will be violated to the election authority as allowed under this section.

34 115.107. 1. At every election, the chairman of the county committee of each political party
35 named on the ballot shall have the right to designate a watcher for each place votes are counted.

36 2. Watchers are to observe the counting of the votes and present any complaint of

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1 irregularity or law violation to the election judges, or to the election authority if not satisfied with
2 the decision of the election judges.

3 No watcher may be substituted for another on election day.

4 3. No watcher shall report to anyone the name of any person who has or has not voted.

5 4. A watcher may remain present until all closing certification forms are completed, all
6 equipment is closed and taken down, the transportation case for the ballots is sealed, election
7 materials are returned to the election authority or to the designated collection place for a polling
8 place, and any other duties or procedures required under sections 115.447 to 115.491 are completed.
9 A watcher may also remain present at each location at which absentee ballots are counted and may
10 remain present while such ballots are being prepared for counting and counted.

11 5. All persons selected as watchers shall have the same qualifications required by section
12 115.085 for election judges, except that such watcher shall be a registered voter in the jurisdiction of
13 the election authority for which the watcher is designated as a watcher."; and

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15 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
16 accordingly.