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**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
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WHEREAS Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Senate Bill 6, amended by Senate Amendment 1, requires, with certain limited exceptions, that each eligible elector who attempts to register or to vote at the polls on election day present: a) an operator's license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), an identification card issued by DOT, an identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service, or a U.S. passport; b) a certificate of U.S. naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented; c) an unexpired driving receipt issued by DOT; d) an unexpired identification card receipt issued by DOT; or e) an identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state; and

WHEREAS Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Senate Bill 6, amended by Senate Amendment 1, does not allow a university student identification card to be used as identification for registration or voting; and

WHEREAS Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Senate Bill 6, amended by Senate Amendment 1, increases the Wisconsin durational residency requirement from 10 days to 28 days unless the elector who does not meet this residency requirement formerly resided at another location in this state within the 27-day period preceding an election, in which case the elector may vote at the previous location; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned voter identification requirements are likely to disproportionately disenfranchise certain populations which may lack valid identification, including college students, who research has shown are unlikely to obtain new drivers licenses or photo IDs with their university address, or who may have recently relocated to a campus community prior to an election; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned voter identification requirements allow an identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service to be used for voter identification, and the University of Wisconsin, like the U.S. uniformed service, is a recognized governmental entity,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents supports an amendment to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Senate Bill 6, amended by Senate Amendment 1, and to its companion legislation in the State Assembly that would include university student identification cards as an acceptable form of voter identification; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents supports an amendment to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Senate Bill 6, amended by Senate Amendment 1, that restores the 10-day Wisconsin residency requirement; and

BE IT THEREFORE FINALLY RESOLVED that, in the absence of such amendments, the Board opposes Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2011 Senate Bill 6, amended by Senate Amendment 1, and the Assembly companion legislation.