

**53.7 Solicitation by public employees.**

1. It shall be unlawful for any employee of the state or any employee of a political subdivision to solicit any application or request for application for an absentee ballot, or to take an affidavit in connection with any absentee ballot while the employee is on the employer's premises or otherwise in the course of employment. However, any such employee may take such affidavit in connection with an absentee ballot which is cast by the registered voter in person in the office where such employee is employed in accordance with [section 53.10](#) or [53.11](#). [This subsection](#) shall not apply to any elected official.

2. It is unlawful for any public officer or employee, or any person acting under color of a public officer or employee, to knowingly require a public employee to solicit an application or request an application for an absentee ballot, or to knowingly require an employee to take an affidavit or request for an affidavit in connection with an absentee ballot application.

[SS15, §1137-d; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §933; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §53.7]  
[91 Acts, ch 129, §18](#); [94 Acts, ch 1169, §64](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1071, §11](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1175, §80](#);  
[2007 Acts, ch 59, §24, 38](#)

Referred to in [§39A.4](#), [39A.5](#), [53.49](#)