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### **WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities Supports Signing of Law Impacting Voters with Disabilities**

(MADISON) – The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) thanks Governor Walker and the Legislature for bipartisan support in passing and signing into law AB168, allowing voters who cannot say their name and address to have an election official or other person selected by the voter state the name and address for them.

Wisconsin’s current law requiring that voters state their name and address at the polls has been shown to create a significant voting barrier for deaf voters and other voters with disabilities. The bill was passed unanimously to protect voter rights and has been signed into law today.

BPDD regularly hears from voters with disabilities who experience additional challenges at the polls, and acknowledges the more than 10% gap in Wisconsin turnout between voters with and without disabilities. BPDD is a partner in the Disability Vote Coalition, whose charge is to close the voter gap, address barriers to voting and increase participation of voters with disabilities. More information is available at [disabilityvote.org](http://disabilityvote.org).