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## **Election Audit Bill Passes the Assembly**

Madison, WI – Today the Assembly passed SB 736, relating to postelection audits by the Legislative Audit Bureau.

"Audits are a regular part of business and non-profit organizations, because they demonstrate legitimacy. We all benefit from the integrity that audits provide," said Rep Allen.

Under the bill, the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) would randomly select 4 counties (one of which must be in the top 10 most populous) and from there select one city and one village from each of those counties for an audit after every general election.

At both the Assembly and Senate public hearings, no one spoke in opposition to the bill.

"Random, non-partisan post-election audits are a proven method for building trust in our election processes," said Rep. Allen. "If our elections really are fair and free then there is nothing to fear about audits. It is a little concerning that Democrats voted against the bill in committee and on the floor."

The bill, which was already passed by the Senate, will now head to the governor's desk.

"After the 2016 and 2020 elections, it is important that we rebuild the lost trust of Wisconsinites," said Rep Allen. "Hopefully, Governor Evers will do the right thing for Wisconsin and sign this bill into law."

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Rep. Scott Allen represents the City of Waukesha, the Villages of Dousman, North Prairie, Summit, and Waukesha, and the Towns of Genesee, Mukwonago, and Ottawa.