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ASSEMBLY ADVANCES PHOTO ID BILL TO DOYLE

Van Roy calls on Governor to protect Wisconsin's elections

Howard - The Wisconsin State Assembly has once again passed a bill to protect against election fraud by requiring a photo ID at the polls, according to State Representative Karl Van Roy (R-Howard). The bipartisan initiative passed the Assembly Thursday with a healthy margin of 63 ayes to 24 noes.

“Protecting the election process is something that I care deeply about,” said Van Roy. “I won’t stand by and let the honest votes of my constituents get cancelled out by fraudulent votes in Milwaukee.”

Milwaukee officials recently acknowledged substantial evidence of fraud in last November’s election. Local news reports show there were many problems with that election including: voters claiming they live in vacant lots, hundreds of felons voting, more votes cast than registered voters in some districts, and in a few rare instances people registering and voting under the names of the deceased.

“Earlier this year we sent Governor Doyle a photo ID bill, which he vetoed calling it a solution without a problem,” said Van Roy. “Now reports from Milwaukee prove what we’ve been saying all along. Fraud is a problem in Wisconsin and it’s time for Governor Doyle to pull his head out of the sand.”

In a recent survey, Van Roy found that more than 79% of respondents from his district support requiring a photo ID at the polls. Van Roy said he hopes that the overwhelming public support for photo ID will help the Governor reverse his earlier decision to veto the bill.

“This bill will make it easier to vote and harder to cheat,” said Van Roy. “I encourage anyone who cares about the integrity of our elections to call the Governor’s office and ask for his support.”

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