



# SENATOR LENA TAYLOR

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## *Voting Rights*

### **Lena's voting rights law**

#### **Impartial Justice Act**

Impartial Justice Act made it possible for qualifying candidates for the Wisconsin Supreme Court to receive public financing from the democracy trust fund. After Republicans took the majority, they repealed the law. Our Supreme Court races have since been hijacked by special interest groups ([2009 Wisconsin Act 89](#)).

### **Fighting against disenfranchisement**

#### **Voter I.D. law**

Lena voted against Governor Scott Walker's photo ID for voting law that unfairly impacts the elderly, the disabled, low income people, college students and people of color. There are approximately 300,000 Wisconsinites who lack the proper identification to vote. After being stuck in the courts for years, the law is now in effect. [Click here](#) to watch Senator Taylor debate against the voter ID law.

#### **Republican gerrymandering**

Politicians should not pick their constituents. Lena fought against partisan redistricting that led a court to rule that two of the gerrymandered districts in Milwaukee violated the Voting Rights Act by diluting the voting power of people of color. She also advocates for nonpartisan redistricting so that politicians will no longer choose their constituents. Read about this plan [here](#).

#### **Making it harder to register to vote**

Lena *fought the elimination* of special registration deputies. These registration deputies often help the very community that has been disenfranchised by other voting laws, like photo ID for voting. These deputies used to register many disabled and impoverished individuals to vote.

*“You can count on me to fight for a more perfect union and against those who want to rig elections to stay in power.”*

*--- Senator Lena Taylor*



*Lena has earned a reputation as a steadfast fighter for voter rights in the Wisconsin Senate. That is why she can regularly be found holding Know your Rights events to raise awareness for voter rights. [Click here](#) to view her debate against photo ID for voting on the Senate Floor.*

## Lena's continued voting rights efforts

### Deceptive Election Practices Ban

Our community is often subject to voter suppression. Lena's bill would prevent intimidating voters at the polls. (2011 SB 311)

### Mobile DMV Centers

Lena wrote a bill that would require the DOT to operate mobile DMV centers to make it easier for voters to obtain voter ID (2011 AB 738)

### Restoration of Voting Rights for Returning Citizens

If you've done a crime and done your time and we let you live in society, you should be able to vote. This bill would have reinstated disenfranchised people's right to vote. (2015 SB 678)

## The fight for liberty and justice for all

Wisconsin blazed the trail for voting rights for African Americans. In 1865, Ezekiel Gillespie was denied the right to vote because he was black. He successfully sued and won a case in the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1866 citing a voting rights referendum by the people. Now, Republicans are dialing back our right to vote through photo ID for and about 30 other election law changes under Governor Scott Walker. Most recently, a computer outage stopped the DMV from issuing voter ID's for about two hours the last day of early voting for the spring Primary Election. People will stop at nothing to keep us from voting and we must not let them. That's why I immediately contacted the Department of Transportation and joined many of my colleagues in calling on the DMV to fix this error. The DMV ended up extending their hours to accommodate interested voters.



*Lena has introduced more than 600 bills in her career. Over 100 of them have become law, including the "Impartial Justice Act," which helped offset special interest campaign donations through a publicly financed fund. Republicans repealed the law as soon as they took the majority.*

**Experienced Leader who fights for your voting rights.**

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