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Vukmir Proposes Bipartisan Elections Oversight Commissions

(Madison, WI) – State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa) and State Representative Dean Knudson (R-Hudson) unveiled a commonsense plan Wednesday to improve the ineffective Government Accountability Board. The bill will restructure the current model and split the board into two separate bodies, creating the Elections Commission and the Ethics Commission to replace the current GAB. Senator Vukmir released the following statement regarding the legislation:

“I am excited to introduce this much-needed change to the oversight of elections and ethics in Wisconsin. Equal representation of Republicans and Democrats on the commissions will guarantee a balanced, transparent and objective board. No longer limiting the board to retired judges will allow for a much larger pool of qualified candidates, ensuring we have the best possible commission overseeing such an important process. Assuring the integrity of elections in Wisconsin should be a priority we can all agree on.”

The bill would take effect June 30, 2016, allowing the current board to administer the 2016 spring elections and coordinate ballot access for the November 2016 election. Members of the new commissions will serve five-year terms.

Senator Vukmir represents Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

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