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Representative Tusler's "Monday Processing" Bill Passes Assembly *Assembly Bill 567 Passes with Bi-partisan Support*

Madison, WI – State Representative Ron Tusler's (R-Harrison) bill, Assembly Bill 567, which would allow clerks to process absentee ballots the Monday before an election, passed the Wisconsin State Assembly with bi-partisan support on Thursday.

"In 2018, many Wisconsin voters went to bed thinking former Governor Scott Walker had won a third term as Wisconsin's governor. The next morning, those same voters woke up to the news that Governor Evers had narrowly beat former Governor Walker. In 2020, the story was similar, Wisconsin voters went to bed thinking former President Donald Trump had won the state of Wisconsin and woke up the news that President Joe Biden had actually pulled ahead of President Trump. Both these incidents occurred because Milwaukee was lagging on processing their absentee ballots."

Assembly Bill 567 would allow clerks to process absentee ballots a day before the election. Rep. Tusler's bill also includes important safeguards for the early processing of absentee ballots. These include:

- Specific safe-storage requirements for election materials used during "Monday Processing"
- Keeping rules around tallying results the same. This bill prohibits anyone from getting results prior to 8 PM on Election Day
- Reporting the total number of absentees processed on Monday
- Currently, there are loose requirements on tracking voter ineligibility determinations by courts. This bill would require that courts notify WEC, and by extension, local clerks when a voter is under a "no vote order" due to competency concerns.

"When we go to bed on election night, we should have a solid unofficial result of the election that took place. Thirty-eight other states process ballots before the Tuesday election. It's time to join these states, get government out of the way, and let our poll workers and clerks get some sleep on Tuesday."

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