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Election Reform Bills Pass in Assembly

Madison, WI – Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) voted for election integrity in our future elections by supporting a series of essential reforms. The bills passed in the Assembly came after numerous reports of clear, irrefutable evidence that there were irregularities in the administration of Wisconsin's presidential election.

"Having confidence that our elections are fair, accurately counted, and as transparent as possible should be a priority for every single voter in our state," said Rep. Tittl. "Voting is a constitutional right we all must protect no matter what party."

The comprehensive package of election reform bills includes closing voter ID loopholes, standardizing procedures for ballot collecting, (my bill) establishing a uniform observation distance for recount observers, protecting non-partisan transparent voting assistance for our seniors in long-term care facilities, and guaranteeing only the voter can make corrections on their own ballot.

"By passing these bills, we are ensuring everyone is operating under the same set of rules," said Rep. Tittl. "Wisconsinites want transparency and clear expectations and to improve election integrity, and we're happy to deliver these reforms."

Among the bills that passed was SB 210 authored by myself and Senator Darling. "After listening to testimony from recount workers, it was clear there was a lack of transparency, set of standards and myriads of clear examples of intentionally obstructing observers' access to procedures during the 2020 election and recount."

This bill will ensure that a fair process and clear expectations are in place if either party asks for a recount. Under the amendment, an election official who <u>intentionally</u> obstructs an observer's access to observe election procedures commits an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of 6 months or less, a fine of \$1,000 or less, or both.

Other election reforms that passed ensure that out-of-state billionaires can't control Wisconsin election administration, and require the Wisconsin Election Commission to post meeting minutes no later than 48 hours after a meeting.

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