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Rep. Callahan Statement on Election Integrity Legislation

[Madison, WI] – The Wisconsin State Assembly addressed election integrity during yesterday's floor session. State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) joined his Assembly colleagues in supporting these bills to strengthen Wisconsin's elections, while protecting the right to vote. Rep. Callahan released the following statement regarding the Assembly's passage of several election reform-related constitutional amendments:

"Many Wisconsinites have lost faith in our elections. We need to rebuild that trust, but we've seen the governor reject the Legislature's attempts at fixing the system multiple times now. The 2020 election saw millions of private dollars funneled in to Madison, Milwaukee, and several other Democratic Party strongholds. Last night, the Legislature took the necessary steps to take this and one other issue directly to the people on their ballots via constitutional amendments next year.

"Elections in our state are not for sale. The first amendment proposal you'll see on your ballot next year would prohibit "Zuckerbucks" from being used in election administration. Secondly, we've heard of areas around the country trying to extend voting rights to non-U.S. citizens. We passed an amendment proposal that would clarify our state constitution from stating that every U.S. citizen is a qualified elector to only U.S. citizens are qualified electors. The will of the people of Wisconsin will now decide on these issues.

"Republicans are delivering on election reform. I'm proud of what we accomplished here last night. These proposals will improve our election process and help to ensure they are fair, transparent, and accurate moving forward."

This will now be the third attempt in passing election reform legislation. All past election reform proposals have been vetoed by the governor.

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