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Representative Rob Brooks Supports Election Reform Package

Madison, WI—This week, Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) announced his support for allowing the Nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct a comprehensive audit of the 2020 election. Additionally, Representative Brooks cosponsored and expressed support for an election reform package introduced by Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville).

“Free and fair elections are the bedrock of our republic and must be protected. The election reform package recommends much-needed changes to Wisconsin election law, while simultaneously protecting the rights of Wisconsinites to participate in the electoral process,” Representative Brooks stated.

Representative Brooks supports the following bills in the package:

- **LRB-1264** prohibits local clerks and election boards from applying for or receiving private funds for the purpose of election administration. Additionally, the bill requires ballot tabulators to take an oath of office like every other election official.
- **LRB-0428** requires that statements of indefinite confinement be made under oath with verification from a medical professional. The bill also stipulates that a pandemic or communicable disease is not grounds for individuals to claim this status.
- **LRB-1537** prohibits ballot harvesting. Under the bill, if municipal clerks host events in which absentee ballots are returned, the events may only occur during the in-person absentee voting period. Poll observers must be present at these events.
- **LRB-1935** prohibits nursing home and long-term care employees from influencing residents’ voting decisions. The goal is to protect residents’ freedom of choice at the ballot box.
- **LRB-2032** ends the automatic mailing of some absentee ballots (excludes military); requires all voters to enclose a copy of their photo identification card; and requires municipalities to post the number of absentee ballots sent out, returned, and outstanding.

“I support the intent of these bills and look forward to the public hearing process and feedback from my constituents and colleagues. Safe, free, and fair elections are of paramount importance and something everyone, regardless of party affiliation or ideology, must take seriously.” These bills are the first steps towards restoring faith in our electoral process,” Representative Brooks stated.

The election reform package was circulated for cosponsorship this week and hearings in both houses of the legislature will be forthcoming.

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