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Rep. Shankland Supports Delaying In-Person Voting to Protect the Public Health from COVID-19

STEVENS POINT – Today, Governor Tony Evers signed Executive Order #74 to suspend tomorrow’s in-person voting for the April 7 spring election and instead move in-person voting to June 9, 2020. The order also directs the Legislature to meet in special session on April 7 to address the election date. If the Legislature does not enact legislation to change the new election date, in-person voting will be moved to June 9, 2020.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) issued the following statement in response:

"For weeks, I have been advocating for alternatives to in-person voting on April 7, especially after hearing serious concerns from local leaders, poll workers, clerks, and community members about proceeding with the election during our current public health emergency. I supported Governor Evers’ call to mail absentee ballots to every registered voter on March 27, and I also stood ready to act as a member of the Legislature when he called us into special session on April 4 to move the election date.

“While I had hoped the Legislature could solve this issue of ensuring the strength of our democracy while protecting the public health by working together in a bipartisan manner with the executive branch, I appreciate that the governor is leading and ensuring that no one has to risk their health to cast a ballot. It is disappointing that Republican legislative leaders have already stated they will challenge his executive order to protect the public health in court. We should all be focused on working together to find solutions, and the people of Wisconsin are counting on us.”

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