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Rep. Green Votes to Amend State Constitution on Bail

MADISON – Representative Chanz Green (R-Grandview) is proud to have voted today on the bail reform amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution. The proposed amendment will allow courts to consider more factors when setting bail.

“This bail reform bill is a tool to aid judges in setting bail and keep violent offenders off our streets,” said Representative Chanz Green (R-Grand View). “This proposed constitutional amendment will help ensure public safety while also protecting due process for criminal defendants.”

The proposed constitutional amendment will allow judges to consider additional relevant factors when setting bail for defendants charged with violent crimes, such as previous convictions and the safety of the community from serious harm.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 43% of violent criminals are at a much higher risk of reoffending while on pretrial release. Also, a 2021 [news investigation](#) found that 1 out of every 5 homicide suspects was out on bail or signature bond for another felony crime.

Both chambers of the Legislature passed this proposed amendment in two consecutive legislative sessions. The amendment will now be brought to the voters of Wisconsin in a statewide referendum on the April 4th, 2023 ballot for final passage.

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The 74th Assembly District covers all of Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, and Price counties, and it includes parts of Douglas and Sawyer counties.



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