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Statement on Assembly Session
One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

MADISON – Today, the State Assembly voted on numerous bills impacting our election system in Wisconsin.

“Today we took up some important bi-partisan bills to improve and increase trust in our election process. Importantly, we passed Assembly Bill 567, which allows for processing absentee ballots on the Monday before election day in central count municipalities, which will reduce the frequency of the so-called late-night ballot dumps. Additionally, we passed Assembly Bill 577 to increase protections for our election workers and hold accountable those harassing and making threats to these public servants.”

“Unfortunately, the whole session day was not bi-partisan and we took up numerous bills which would have a negative impact on our elections system. Those include several constitutional amendments to restrict voting in Wisconsin. Additionally, Assembly Bill 543 was passed, which would allow partisan election observers to be within 0-3 feet of those trying to exercise their right to vote.”

“I am committed to the principle that every eligible voter in the State of Wisconsin easily be able to exercise their right to vote in elections without intimidation. In addition, election officials should be free from threats and harassment while they provide a critical service to our communities, our state, and our democracy.”