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Assembly Passes Election Reform Bills

Madison – On Thursday Assembly Republicans approved a package of election reform bills to strengthen the integrity of our election process, and boost the confidence citizens have in election results.

Among these bills is Assembly Bill 494, which I introduced for the second time last month. This bill clarifies the definition of an indefinitely confined voter, and requires those who apply for this status to show proof of ID. Additionally, the individuals who were classified as indefinitely confined during the Covid pandemic would need to reapply in order to maintain that status.

“This legislation cleans up our indefinitely confined voter laws,” said Rep. Cindi Duchow (R-Delafield). “Individuals who are truly confined to their home will still be able to receive their ballots every year. We just want to make sure that only individuals with disabilities and ailments that meet the requirements of an indefinitely confined voter actually hold that status, and that clerks aren’t using it as a loophole so people don’t have to show proof of ID when voting.”

Assembly Republicans also approved a bill that would allow for Monday absentee ballot processing, to prevent ballot dumps in the middle of the night after an election.

“Election integrity continues to be a priority for me and my legislative colleagues,” said Rep. Duchow. “The bills we passed today move us in the right direction.”

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Rep. Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District, which includes the villages of Lac La Belle, Chenequa, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Wales, and portions of the village of Summit; the towns of Delafield, Merton, Oconomowoc, and portions of the town of Lisbon; and the City of Delafield.