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Senate Overrides Evers on Post-Election Audit Bill

Madison, WI – Today, the Senate voted to override many of Governor Evers's vetoes. The post-election audit bill (SB 736) authored by Rep Allen and Sen. Tomczyk is one such bill that the Senate voted to override.

"Today, the Senate took action to override Governor Evers' veto on a sensible post-election audit bill that would help restore trust in the election process," said Rep. Allen.

In his veto message, Governor Evers claims that the bill usurps control over election administration from the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC).

"Governor Evers's veto message shows that he does not understand the purpose of this bill nor the feelings of many Wisconsinites," replied Rep. Allen. "There is nothing in the bill that interferes with the current election process or adjusts the roles and responsibilities of WEC. It is an audit bill, plain and simple, and in order for an audit to be creditable, it needs to be done by an outside group of professional auditors."

Evers also claims that WEC already does a post-election audit that is more comprehensive and expansive.

"What Evers doesn't mention is that WEC's audit is only of the electronic voting systems," replied Rep Allen. "The proposed audit calls for the Legislative Audit Bureau to examine every aspect of the election administration process, not just the electronic voting systems. They would have been auditing not only the counties and municipalities but also WEC's role in that process. This is important since the actions of WEC have been found by several Wisconsin courts to be illegal.

"It's unfortunate that Governor Evers prefers to spout political slogans instead of taking seriously the task of ensuring election integrity through robust, comprehensive, and non-partisan audits," stated Rep. Allen. "I'm thankful that the Senate took action that is common-sense and desired by the people of Wisconsin."

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Rep. Scott Allen represents the Waukesha area.