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## **Election Transparency Reforms Pass Senate**

**Madison** – Today, four of State Senator Dan Knodl’s (R – Germantown) bills passed in the Wisconsin State Senate. All four pieces of legislation address election-related discrepancies and pitfalls.

Assembly Bill 335 requires the closure of the campaign finance account of a candidate adjudicated guilty of campaign finance or election fraud laws.

*“When elected officials are removed from office for misconduct and no longer eligible to run for office, it makes sense that our laws also address the closure of the related campaign account.”*

Assembly Bill 396 reduces the fee for citizens to receive a copy of Wisconsin’s voter registration list from \$12,500 to a maximum of \$250.

*“Reducing this outrageously high fee ensures more citizens can access voting information. Transparency is essential in preserving public trust in our elections.”*

Assembly Bill 494 provides greater clarity regarding the “indefinitely confined” voter status.

*“People who are truly confined indefinitely should not be punished by those who are looking for an easy way around our common sense election procedures in Wisconsin. This bill strikes a balance between protecting the integrity of our elections and ensuring that those who are truly indefinitely confined have access to absentee ballots.”*

Senate Bill 408 reforms the “50-piece rule” to provide members of the legislature with adequate time to provide constituents with communications following the close of the legislative session and during states of emergency.

*“Our 50 piece rule serves an important role in keeping official legislative correspondence and campaign communications clear and separate. This bill preserves that goal while addressing unintended consequences that prevent legislators from keeping constituents informed about end-of-session business and natural disasters.”*

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*The 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District includes portions of Washington, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Milwaukee Counties.*