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WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

THE 2021-23 BUDGET HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

On Wednesday, the Wisconsin State Senate voted on the 2021-23 biennial budget, which passed the body with bipartisan support. I proudly cast my vote in favor of the legislation, which will support our state as we move forward from the turbulence of the last year.

This is truly a budget for all Wisconsinites, with something for everyone. A \$3.4 billion tax cut for working families, an increase in Medicaid Assistance payments for healthcare and long-term care workers that provide for our most vulnerable populations, a guarantee of two-thirds state funding for K-12 education for our students, and tax relief for our small businesses that have weathered a difficult year.

The budget contains a middle class tax cut that saves the typical Wisconsin family \$1,200 over the biennium; brings the state's rainy day fund to an unparalleled \$2 billion; makes smart, targeted investments in health care, education, and local roads; and leaves a balance of \$450 million in the state general fund so we can adapt to the needs of Wisconsinites over the next two years.

Republicans in Wisconsin continue to produce fiscally responsible budgets that focus on you, the hardworking taxpayers. You wake up and go to work every day with the understanding that the state government is going to fund the necessary services that your family relies on. This budget does exactly that while putting the extra money that we over-collected back into your pocket.

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COMMON-SENSE ELECTION REFORM BILL VETOED

On Wednesday, Governor Evers vetoed a bill that would have prohibited municipalities from using private money to administer elections.

The Chicago-based Center for Tech & Civic Life (CTCL) gave \$10.3 million in grants to Wisconsin municipalities – including Milwaukee, Madison, Kenosha, Racine, and Green Bay. With those grants came a lot of questions about how the elections were administered and whether or not they were secure.

The most notable example of this happened in Green Bay, where a long time Democratic operative, working for CTCL, was alleged to have been given access to ballots and secured facilities.

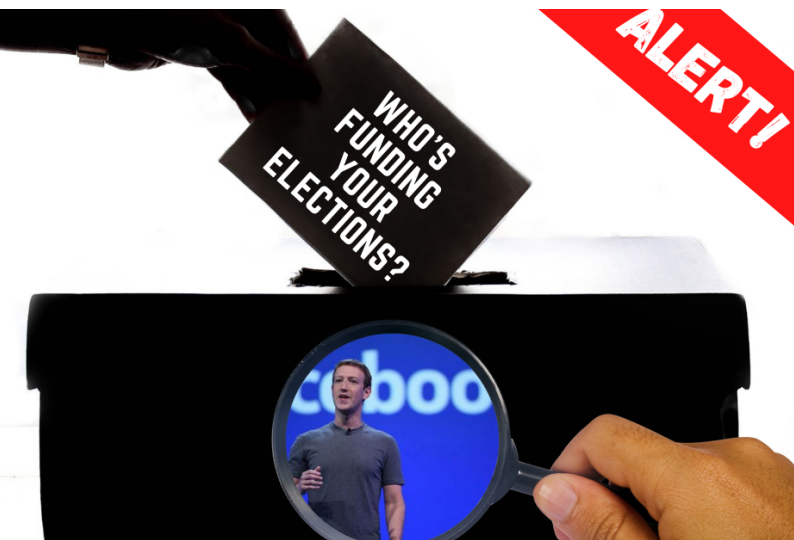
This legislation would have allowed grant funding to be given to the Wisconsin Elections Commission, who would then disperse the money to all municipalities on a per capita basis.

Regardless of party or election, Wisconsinites deserve to know that their elections are safe and their votes count.

This bill would have provided a common-sense solutions to a real world problem that resulted in chaos and headaches.

Unfortunately, it will not be implemented.

Do you know who's funding your elections?



ROAD WORK COMING YOUR WAY

There is plenty of road construction happening throughout the district. Below are details:

Langlade County

Location: WI Hwy 64/52 from US45 in Antigo to Clover Road in Antigo and the bridge over Spring Brook near Hafemeister Lane (May 24 - October 31)

Marinette County

Location: US8/US141 Bridge Rehabilitation (June 8 - October)

Oconto County

Location: WI Hwy 32 from WI Hwy 22 in the city of Gillett to Trinity Church Road in the town of Maple Valley (June 28 - July 28)

Location: WI Hwy 22 from the US141/WI Hwy 22 interchange in the towns of Stiles to the US41/WI Hwy 22 interchange in Oconto (June 23 - September 1)

Oneida County

Location: WI Hwy 70 from Morgan Road to US-51, Minocqua (June 16 - August)

Oneida and Vilas Counties

Location: WI Hwy 17 from Pollyanna Road to Hwy 70 (April 26 - July 13)



YOUR SEARCH FOR EMPLOYEES CONTINUES

On Tuesday, Governor Evers vetoed a bill that would have ended the enhanced federal unemployment benefits.

As businesses large and small shuttered during the COVID-19 pandemic, state and federal governments stepped up to make sure those who were laid off would receive the necessary benefits needed to pay their bills and provide for their families.

This was a grim time in our country's history where there weren't enough jobs to support our workforce.

Since then, draconian orders have been lifted and society is returning to normal. But one thing has failed to adapt to the pre-COVID economy, and that's the enhanced federal unemployment benefits that add an extra \$300 per week to an unemployment claim.

While this increase was necessary at the time, we're now at the point where businesses are open, available jobs are abundant, and communities across our state are struggling to find workers.

Employers throughout Wisconsin have closed their doors, limited their hours of operation, or are struggling to provide quality service due to a workforce shortage - and the Governor's answer is to keep incentivizing people to remain unemployed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR THE 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

Let us know if you have any community events that you would like us to post in this section.

- July 2-4:** Forest County Festival (Crandon)
- July 4:** Elcho Community Pavilion 23rd Annual Chicken BBQ (Elcho)
- July 8-11:** Hodag Country Festival (Rhinelanders)
- July 10:** Athelstane Fire Department Parade & Picnic (Athelstane)
- July 16-17:** Irish Fest @ Ye Olde Shillelagh (Manitowish Waters)
- July 17:** Culpepper & Merriweather Circus (Wabeno)
- July 17-18:** Lakewood Mardi Gras (Lakewood)
- July 23-24:** 2nd Annual Summer National Auto & Bike Show (Tomahawk)
- July 24:** Polish Heritage Days (Armstrong Creek)
- July 24:** Kentucky Day Festival (Crandon)
- July 28-Aug 1:** Langlade County Fair (Anitgo)
- July 29-Aug 1:** Oneida County Fair (Rhinelanders)
- July 30:** Thunder on Main - Dirt City Duel (Lena)
- July 31-Aug 1:** Dirt City Duel - Off-Road Races (Lena)
- July 31:** Weinerfest North (Lakewood)
- July 31:** Arbor Vitae Fireman's Picnic (Arbor Vitae)
- August 11-15:** Lincoln County Fair (Merrill)
- August 20-22:** 36th Annual National Championship Musky Open (Eagle River)
- August 26-29:** Marinette County Fair (Wausaukee)



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