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## Senate Passes Constitutional Amendments, Legislation to Preserve Election Integrity

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R – Cedarburg) issued the following statement in response to passage of two constitutional amendments in their second consideration,  $\underline{\text{SJR 71}}$  and  $\underline{\text{SJR 78}}$  on the Senate floor, relating to the eligibility to vote in Wisconsin and the prohibition on the use of private funds by state and local governments.

"The passage of Senate Joint Resolution 71 and Senate Joint Resolution 78 was a long time coming. These amendments are common sense solutions that help to strengthen the integrity of our elections. SJR 71 will ensure that only US citizens who are 18 or older and eligible to vote can vote in Wisconsin's elections. While this should seem obvious, we have seen pushes across the country to allow non-citizens to vote in local elections. It is important that we respect the principle of 'one person, one vote.' When ineligible voters are allowed to vote, it only serves to take away the voice of legal electors."

"SJR 78 prohibits state and local governments from accepting private grants for the public administration of elections. In 2020, Wisconsin received over \$10 million in unaccountable grants from a group funded by out-of-state tech billionaire Mark Zuckerberg to oversee elections administration, a job that is the responsibility of local government. 27 other states, across the political spectrum, have taken steps to ban 'Zuckerbucks.' The administration of our elections is something that we should all take seriously, and it is not a job that we can outsource to unaccountable private groups."

Additionally, the Senate passed <u>Senate Bill 98</u> (SB 98), a bill Senator Stroebel authored to verify that only United State citizens are listed on the state's voter registration list:

"I introduced SB98 with Senator Knodl to ensure that only legal U.S. citizens are able to register to vote and cast ballots in our elections. There have been multiple instances in Ozaukee County and across the state in recent years where non-citizens, who are lawfully present in the U.S., either attempted to register to vote or successfully cast a ballot. This bill requires the Wisconsin Elections Commission to work with the Department of Transportation to verify the citizenship status of those on the state's voter registration list and disclaim specifically on the document that the driver's licenses or state ID cards issued to non-citizens are not valid for voting purposes."

Senator Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties.

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