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## **Wimberger Introduces Election Transparency Constitutional Amendment**

**Madison, WI** — State Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay) and Assembly Co-authors, Representative Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva) and Representative Ty Bodden (R-Hilbert), today, introduced the second consideration of a constitutional amendment to prohibit the use of private funds in election administration.

*“Every American should have confidence in how their elections are run. If localities can take private resources to directly administer elections, there will a race to evade elections laws for control of cities in a battle for the state,” said Wimberger. “Partisan actors have no place in our election administration. They should not have access to absentee ballots or authority to direct how, where or when absentee ballots should be collected. This proposed constitutional amendment would ensure that scenarios like what happened in the City of Green Bay in 2020 never happens again.”*

To amend the constitution, the legislature must approve proposed changes in two consecutive legislative sessions. If this proposal passes, the following questions will be on the ballot for the election held on the first Tuesday in April 2024.

- *Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?*
- *Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?*

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*Senator Eric Wimberger represents the 30<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes parts of Brown, Oconto, and Marinette Counties.*