

Rep. Fields: Bipartisan BID/NID reform bill passes state Assembly

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Madison – Today, Rep. Jason Fields (D-Milwaukee) praised the Wisconsin State Assembly's

passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 538.

"I want to thank the State Assembly for their overwhelming bipartisan support for this vital bill,"

said Rep. Fields.

AB 538 and its Senate companion bill Senate Bill (SB) 438 would bring outdated statutory

requirements of both Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and Neighborhood Improvement

Districts (NIDs) up-to-date by doing three things:

Allow two or more BIDs to combine to form a single BID

Allow several technical fixes that would save costs for BIDs and NIDs by allowing those

organizations that have funds/budgets that total less than a \$300,000 to submit certified

financial statements in lieu of submitting a CPA Certified Financial Audit, aimed at getting results of greater financial savings

Allow the requirement of having one mailing go out versus sending multiple mailings to

property owners who maintain multiple properties when seeking to establish a BID or

NID and permit BIDs and NIDs to use the more cost effective first-class mail

"This bill will help update statutory requirements that will ultimately result in greater efficiencies

and cost savings as it relates to BIDs and NIBs" said Rep. Fields. "These updates will help the

City of Milwaukee and communities all across Wisconsin.”

“I truly appreciate the following Milwaukee region legislators for their leadership and support on

this legislation: Reps. Adam Neylon (R-Pewaukee), Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee), Kalan

Haywood (D-Milwaukee), David Bowen (D-Milwaukee), David Crowley (D-Milwaukee), Christine

Sinicki (D-Milwaukee), Ken Skowronski (R-Franklin) and JoCasta Zamarripa (D-Milwaukee);

Sen. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield), the Senate author of the Assembly companion bill SB 438,

Sen. LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) and Sen. Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee). I also want to

thank the City of Milwaukee for their efforts working to make this a reality.

“This collective effort is a great example of finding common ground in bipartisan fashion that will

be beneficial to the Milwaukee region and beyond.”

Read the bill language here: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/ab538>