

Rep. Stroebel: Bill addresses issue raised in Green Bay election controversy

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Madison, WI – On Wednesday, state Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) praised the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections for holding a hearing regarding the City of Green Bay’s handling of the 2020 election, and noted that he is working with colleagues on a bill that addresses some of the concerns raised.

“I applaud Chairwoman Brandtjen for holding a public hearing examining the City of Green Bay’s handling of the 2020 election. It is deeply disturbing that out-of-state special interests sought to insert themselves into our Wisconsin election and ran roughshod over a municipal clerk who was doing the right thing. The released emails and news reports depict an appalling picture of overtly partisan individuals attempting to subvert a municipal clerk’s local systems and processes that were put in place to follow the law and efficiently administer an election.

“I’m proud to be working with Sen. Roger Roth, Sen. Alberta Darling, Rep. Adam Neylon, Rep. Cindi Duchow and many other colleagues on a bill that addresses one facet of the problem we’ve seen in Green Bay. Our bill requires any private funds donated or granted to support elections, like those from the Center for Tech and Civic Life, to go first to the Wisconsin Elections Commission where they are subsequently distributed on a per-capita basis to all municipalities in the state.

“We must ensure that these kinds of grants are transparent, come with no strings attached, and are equally distributed across the state. Large, out-of-state special interests should not be able to favor specific communities over others and strong-arm their way into election administration.”

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