

Sen. Nass: Time to force WEC to comply with administrative rules law; Senate GOP ready to act, waiting on Assembly GOP

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Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater), Co-chairman of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR), released the following statement announcing the Senate Republicans on the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) are ready to take action against the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Co-chairman Nass requested the scheduling of a January 4, 2021 executive session for the purpose of passing two motions requiring WEC to submit emergency rules within 30-days or cease issuing directives on the following: (1) Guidance regarding absentee ballot drop boxes, and (2) Guidance on correction of errors and omissions on absentee ballots.

This would be just the first round of JCRAR action against WEC on matters requiring rulemaking. Assembly Republicans on JCRAR have yet to agree on scheduling an executive session.

“Many voters in this state no longer trust the Wisconsin Elections Commission to act in a fair and impartial manner in carrying out election law in this state. Evidence of the commissioners and staff leadership repeatedly ignoring state election law has now come from several reviews.

The legislature has options to address the conduct of those at WEC. One option is to utilize the full powers of the Wisconsin Administrative Rules Law. Senate Republicans on JCRAR stand ready to act, we now wait on the

Assembly Republicans to complete another round of discussions in caucus.

After nearly a year of discussions amongst legislators on matters that are well known to many voters, the time for talking is over in the legislature.”