

Assembly votes to send Evers bill requiring municipalities to record their election night broadcasts

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The Assembly voted today to send Gov. Tony Evers a bill requiring municipalities to record any broadcast of their canvassing proceedings.

Rep. Kristina Shelton, D-Green Bay, raised concerns about using services like YouTube to save broadcasts for future viewing. While free, YouTube is not a viable service for saving long videos, Shelton said.

“Funding and capacity is a real issue here,” Shelton said.

But Rep. Shae Sortwell, R-Two Rivers, said there are options for recording broadcasts that do not financially burden municipalities. He did not share concerns over YouTube’s viability.

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“This is about transparency,” Sortwell said.

Under the bill, concurred in 60-38, the municipal clerk would have to keep the recording for 22 months.