

Sen. LeMahieu: State Senate calls on Governor Evers to let Wisconsinites elect their secretary of state

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Madison- Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) issued the following statement on the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 21, which calls on Governor Evers to call a special election to fill the Office of Secretary of State.

Last week, Governor Evers appointed former State Treasurer and failed US Senate candidate Sarah Godlewski to serve for nearly the entirety of out-going Secretary Doug La Follette's term.

“The resolution the Senate passed today sends a clear message to Governor Evers: the people of Wisconsin should have an opportunity to vote to elect their Secretary of State.

Instead of appointing an interim Secretary and calling a special election, Governor Evers has decided to subvert Wisconsin's democracy to reward a political ally.”

Last August, Sarah Godlewski dropped out of a primary for US Senate, a move which benefitted Governor Evers' former Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes.

“Calling for a special election would reassure Wisconsinites that elections, not cronyism, decide who represents them in Madison,” LeMahieu concluded.

Senate Joint Resolution 21 passed 20-11 and was messaged to the State Assembly. No Democrats voted for the resolution.