

Sen. Stroebel: Senate passes much needed bail reform and referendum language for April election

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Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 2, a constitutional amendment to provide judges with more flexibility in setting cash bail and other conditions of pre-trial release. In addition, Senate Joint Resolution 4 passed the Senate which provides for an advisory referendum on the April ballot. Senator Duey Stroebel (R – Saukville) issued the following statement:

“Our current system for bail is failing to protect law-abiding citizens. It is critical judges are unrestricted in their ability to review the totality of the circumstances when determining bail instead of releasing dangerous criminals back on the street to commit additional crimes. Under current law, judges are limited to a single factor when setting the amount of bail. With the passage of SJR 2, judges will be in a better position to prevent horrific incidents like the Waukesha Christmas parade massacre and other heinous acts committed by criminals out on bail.”

“It comes as no surprise that we have a tremendous shortage of workers. Wisconsin has an opportunity to get our state back on track by eliminating government incentives that stunt economic development, among other things. In April, voters will be able to voice their opinion on whether or not able-bodied, childless adults should be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare. This is an issue that has taken on heightened importance in light of workforce shortages a number of Wisconsin employers are facing as well as reducing some individuals’ increasing reliance on the largess of the hard-working taxpayers of Wisconsin.”

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