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98TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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Rep. Neylon Testifies on Election Reform Legislation

Madison — Today Rep. Adam Neylon (R-Pewaukee) issued the following statement after testifying in support of Senate Bills 207 and 208 in the Senate Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics:

"Prior to the 2020 presidential election, outside groups poured millions into the five largest Wisconsin cities to help administer our elections, with strings attached. We have now seen how those conflicts of interest can impact the administration of the election process in the city of Green Bay and, for all we know, Milwaukee and other cities across the state.

"Senate Bill (SB) 207 addresses this issue by prohibiting local clerks and election boards from applying for and receiving private funds for the purpose of administering our elections. It also directs any unsolicited funds from outside groups be transferred to the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), which is then required to distribute those funds equally on a per-capita basis to all municipal clerks across Wisconsin, ensuring fair and impartial access to that funding. Furthermore, SB 207 prohibits employees of political campaigns from serving as poll workers and requires ballot tabulators to take an oath of office like every other election official.

"SB 208 requires the WEC to post meeting minutes and motion language on its website within 24 hours of a meeting or hearing. This simple but important requirement will ensure transparency in WEC and help foster trust within the electorate.

"Faithfulness and integrity are the cornerstones of democratic elections and these pieces of legislation are a vital component of restoring that faith among Wisconsin's voters."

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