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## **Wisconsin Assembly Passes Election Integrity and Elder Abuse Prevention Legislation**

**MADISON, WI** – Rep. Plumer (R – Lodi) voted today for a number of bills to help ensure the security of our elections and to prevent the abuse and exploitation of elderly community members. Following the State of Tribes Address this afternoon, the Wisconsin State Assembly convened to take up more than 20 legislative items.

Rep. Plumer joined his Republican colleagues in supporting Assembly Bill 173, which prohibits Wisconsin municipalities from accepting private funds for the administration of elections. Under this legislation, any funds received by a municipality from an outside group for that purpose must be sent to the Wisconsin Elections Commission and then be allotted across the state on a per capita basis.

“What we saw occur in the City of Green Bay during the November 2020 Election is the perfect example of why this legislation is needed,” said Rep. Plumer. “Trust in our elections is of the utmost importance and we shouldn’t allow even the slightest appearance of impropriety to occur in election administration. This common sense legislation follows in the path of Wisconsin’s tradition of clean government.”

Additionally, Rep. Plumer and his colleagues voted to support a series of bills to curb elder abuse in our state. Assembly Bills 45 and 46 create more avenues for reporting of financial crimes against the elderly and allow financial institutions to delay transactions if they suspect an elderly individual is being exploited. Senate Bill 17, which also passed today, enhances the penalties for those found guilty of elder abuse. All three of these bills passed on bipartisan voice votes.

“Our job as lawmakers is to protect the most vulnerable and these bills are step in the right direction to ensure our elderly friends and neighbors are not being exploited,” said Rep. Plumer.

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