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## **Wimberger Election Transparency Bill Passes Senate Floor**

MADISON—The Wisconsin State Senate passed Senate Bill 292, authored by Sen. Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay). It is now one step closer to becoming law.

An increasing number of municipalities have, in recent years, chosen to broadcast their vote count and canvass proceedings live over the internet, including Milwaukee, Green Bay, Madison, and others. These broadcasts are an optional public service that allow for citizens to see a portion of our democracy that they might otherwise miss. Senate Bill 292 requires any municipality which broadcasts or livestreams its vote counting and canvassing procedures record that broadcast and retain it for 22 months under the state open records law.

“Whenever audio or video is captured but not saved, suspicion can build that there was a bad motivation not to save it,” said Senator Wimberger. “This simple bill updates our public records laws and our vote counting process, all while increasing transparency, participation, and public confidence in our elections. It is a first step toward helping to secure our elections in Green Bay and throughout the state. I will continue to advocate for commonsense reform to increase the integrity of our election process.”

Senate Bill 292 will now need to be voted on in the Assembly before being signed into law by the Governor.

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