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Rep. Sanfelippo Praises Start of Elections Investigation

MADISON, Wis. – This afternoon, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed [Assembly Resolution 15](#), directing the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections to investigate the administration of recent elections in Wisconsin. Rep. Joe Sanfelippo (R–New Berlin) authored Assembly Resolution 15 and issued the following statement:

“There have been troubling reports of state and local elections officials disregarding the clear language of our state’s voting laws and regulations during recent elections. In our recent hearings in the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, we heard testimony from witnesses and reviewed records of electronic communications between elections officials, which have together provided persuasive evidence of a number of clear violations of the law. I am pleased that my colleagues in the Assembly have joined me today in recognizing the significance of these concerning allegations and the need conduct a thorough and methodical investigation.

“As lawmakers engaging in our oversight duties, we need to carefully scrutinize the identified instances of apparent noncompliance with our elections laws and to determine just how widespread such noncompliance is around the state. I want to make it clear that the objective of this investigation is not reviewing or relitigating the results of any specific race or election; rather, the focus of the investigation is to examine the processes used, and actions undertaken, by elections officials as they conducted recent elections. We need a comprehensive understanding of how our laws are being followed so that we can hold accountable any individuals who have willfully disregarded them and to work to refine our laws as necessary to ensure that the actual practices comport with the law moving forward. The Resolution approved today lays the foundation for the Committee to use certain investigative powers granted to it by statutes and rules, including the ability to request the issuance of subpoenas to compel witnesses to appear before the committee or to produce relevant documents or records.”

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