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## Wimberger Election Transparency Bill Clears Committee

MADISON—Today, the Senate Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics recommended passage of SB 292, authored by Sen. Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay). SB 292 requires that 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.

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.

“This is a common sense transparency measure”, said Senator Wimberger. “It modernizes our public records laws and our vote counting process, all while increasing transparency and public confidence in our elections. On rare occasions when there are questions about the conduct of election officials or tampering with ballots, any and all records will be important to answer these questions.”

SB 292 is now available to be voted on by the full Senate. The Assembly companion author is Rep. Shae Sortwell (R-Two Rivers).