



Tony Evers Fair Democracy Agenda

Non-partisan redistricting reform

In 2012, Democrats in Wisconsin won 52% of votes cast in the 2012 Assembly races but only 39% of the seats. Wisconsin's gerrymandered districts undermine the health of our democracy. Non-partisan redistricting is supported by the majority of Wisconsinites; 39 of the 72 counties have passed resolutions in support of a nonpartisan redistricting process. Non-partisan redistricting works, producing a cheaper, speedier, and more transparent process than in Wisconsin, where we have endured secretive processes that have cost taxpayers millions of dollars in legal fees.

Automatic voter registration

Under automatic voter registration, eligible citizens who interact with government agencies are systematically registered to vote or have their existing registration information updated. Twelve states, including neighbor state Illinois, have already approved automatic voter registration. In states that have adopted the policy, it has boosted registration rates, cleaned up the rolls, made voting convenient, and reduces the potential for voter fraud, all while lowering the use of costly provisional ballots. In Oregon, the first state to adopt automatic voter registration policy, more than 225,000 residents were registered in the first year and nearly 100,000 of the newly elected citizens voted in the subsequent election.

12-year term limits for all statewide elected officials

Wisconsin is one of only a dozen states that allows for unlimited consecutive terms for governor, leaving room for dangerous abuses of power. Even Governor Walker sponsored a measure in 1995, as a member of the Assembly, to limit governors to no more than three terms.

Tying first-year legislators' salaries to the average salary of a first-year teacher

Throughout the nation, the average earnings of workers with at least four years of college are now 50% higher than the average earnings of a teacher. While the salaries of Wisconsin Legislators has risen steadily with inflation, teachers' salaries have fallen dramatically behind other professions in the past decade, rising just 0.8% since 1996. The average starting salary in 2017 for a teacher in Wisconsin was \$36,983 while the salary of a Wisconsin legislator was \$50,950.