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## **Nonpartisan Audit Finds State Elections Commission Skirts Laws**

*Legislative Audit Bureau finds non-compliance with state law, lack of accountability in agency*

**MADISON** – Today, the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) [released their long-anticipated review](#) of the November 2020 election. After reviewing the initial report, State Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) offered the following statements:

“Our government relies on fair and transparent elections. That’s why it’s outrageous that the very agency charged with overseeing our state’s elections failed on so many levels to adhere to our state’s voting laws.

“While expansive in its scope, today’s audit also illustrated the nonpartisan team made contact with and reviewed information from all seventy-two of Wisconsin’s counties. Unacceptable however is the fact that liberal strongholds like the City of Madison and Milwaukee County refused to turn over key records – promoting secrecy and severely undercutting their clerk’s credibility. Wisconsinites deserve better and must demand accountability for this blatant attempt to thwart the public’s right to know.

“With [30 recommendations](#) made by the nonpartisan audit bureau in addition to [many legislative proposals](#) suggested, Wisconsin Republicans will use today’s findings as a roadmap to pass reforms to help restore trust in our election process.”

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*Representative Steineke serves as the Assembly Majority Leader in addition to representing Wisconsin’s 5th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brown and Outagamie counties.*