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Stroebel: NonPartisan Audit Shows Election Law Reform Needed

Madison, WI – The nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau ("LAB") released the results of its <u>audit</u> of the November 2020 election. The Wisconsin Election Commission ("WEC") released a <u>statement</u> of initial reactions. Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) issued the following statement in response to both documents:

"The LAB exists for the purpose of measuring compliance with the statutory duties of government agencies. The LAB detailed numerous areas where WEC, and some local election officials, failed to fully comply with the law. The LAB issued 48 total recommendations, 30 of which were directed at WEC. These recommendations covered many areas, including absentee ballots, proper maintenance of voter rolls and ballot processing."

"Several of the recommendations to the Legislature cover issues which we did address in common sense election integrity legislation that was vetoed by the Governor. This LAB audit shows we have more work to do to bring election law compliance up to what Wisconsinites rightfully demand."

"In the face of strong findings of WEC changing election law through guidance at odds with statute, WEC Administrator Meagan Wolfe seemed to miss these findings completely and simply complained WEC didn't get an advance copy of the audit findings. The combination of LAB's findings, and WEC's apparent stubborn refusal to comprehend those findings, should call into question everyone's faith in WEC's current leadership."

Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) represents the 20th Senate District, which is comprised of portions of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan and Calumet counties.

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