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League of Wisconsin Municipalities Statement on Lame Duck Session

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Many Wisconsin clerks were concerned about the proposal to move the 2020 Presidential Primary, not for partisan reasons, but because there were practical considerations that the Legislature and the Governor did not take into account. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities worked with the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association to create a message for Wisconsin's city and village clerks to send to their Legislators and the Governor. In total, 637 emails were received by the Legislature and the Governor. The League is grateful that the Legislature listened to the clerks and municipal staff and rejected this proposal.

In addition, the Legislature simplified the process of carrying out local road and bridge projects funded with state surface transportation or local bridge aid programs by prohibiting the DOT from imposing any requirements on the project other than design and bidding standards. Currently, local projects that receive state "STP" or Bridge Program funding are subject to a long list of both design and procedural requirements outlined in the DOT's Facilities Design Manual. The new legislation exempts those projects from all but the bidding, outside contracting and design standards. This change effectively eliminates numerous procedural steps that many local public works directors were concerned about.

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