



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One-Hundred and Fifth Regular Session

1:55 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2021

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Stafsholt.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (6), the Chief Clerk made the following entries under the above date.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Insurance, Licensing and Forestry** reported and recommended:

Senate Bill 232

Relating to: allowing the Department of Safety and Professional Services and credentialing boards to grant credentials with provisional status, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Felzkowski, Stafsholt, L. Taylor, Ringhand and Jagler.

Noes: 0 - None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 4 - Senators Felzkowski, Stafsholt, L. Taylor and Jagler.

Noes: 1 - Senator Ringhand.

Senate Bill 309

Relating to: funding for free and charitable clinics and defining telehealth.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Felzkowski, Stafsholt, L. Taylor, Ringhand and Jagler.

Noes: 0 - None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Felzkowski, Stafsholt, L. Taylor, Ringhand and Jagler.

Noes: 0 - None.

Senate Bill 588

Relating to: various changes to insurance laws, including issuance of funding agreements, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Felzkowski, Stafsholt, L. Taylor, Ringhand and Jagler.

Noes: 0 - None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Felzkowski, Stafsholt, L. Taylor, Ringhand and Jagler.

Noes: 0 - None.

MARY FELZKOWSKI

Chairperson

The committee on **Senate Organization** reported:

It is moved that the committee on **Senate Organization** makes the following findings:

- On February 11, 2021, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee directed the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to evaluate elections administration issues, including:
 - efforts by the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) to comply with election laws, including by working with clerks to ensure voter registration records include only eligible voters, and by providing training and guidance to clerks;
 - efforts by clerks to comply with election laws, including by administering elections, processing absentee ballots, and performing recount responsibilities, as well as the observations and concerns of clerks regarding elections administration;
 - the use of electronic voting equipment, including the methodology and results of WEC's most-recent statutorily required post-election audit and the actions taken as a result of this audit; and
 - General Election-related complaints filed with WEC and clerks, as well as how these complaints were addressed.
- The LAB issued an audit report on Elections Administration (report 21-19) on October 22, 2021, making 30 recommendations for improvements and including 18 issues for legislative consideration in this report.
- The City of Madison clerk prohibited the LAB from physically handling election records.
- The LAB's access to, and examination of, election records assists lawmakers to understand the procedures followed by clerks in practice.
- Obtaining complete information relating to the elections-related procedures followed by clerks

throughout Wisconsin is essential for the LAB to perform its statutorily required duty to assist the Legislature to perform its lawmaking function.

Ayes: 3 - Senators LeMahieu, Kapenga and Feyen.
Noes: 2 – Senators Bewley and Ringhand.

It is moved that the committee on **Senate Organization** appoints and directs the committee on **Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics** to do the following:

- Investigate the failure by local governments to provide requested election documents to the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB).
- Assist the LAB in obtaining access to election documents from the City of Madison that were not provided to the LAB during its audit of election administration issues in the November 2020 elections.
- Require the attendance of local election officials before the committee to answer questions relating to the reasons that the City of Madison refused to provide election documents to the LAB.

Ayes: 3 - Senators LeMahieu, Kapenga and Feyen.
Noes: 2 – Senators Bewley and Ringhand.

DEVIN LEMAHIEU
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Kooyenga added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 467**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Doyle added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 588**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Skowronski added as a cosponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution 70**.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

By Edward A. Blazel, chief clerk.

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Assembly Joint Resolution 74
Assembly Joint Resolution 75
Assembly Joint Resolution 82

Passed and asks concurrence in:

Assembly Bill 36

Assembly Bill 99
Assembly Bill 156
Assembly Bill 314
Assembly Bill 377
Assembly Bill 399
Assembly Bill 481
Assembly Bill 603
Assembly Bill 604
Assembly Bill 605
Assembly Bill 606
Assembly Bill 607
Assembly Bill 608
Assembly Bill 609
Assembly Bill 610

Concurred in:

Senate Bill 16
Senate Bill 73
Senate Bill 92
Senate Bill 125
Senate Bill 255
Senate Bill 283
Senate Bill 300
Senate Bill 303
Senate Bill 308
Senate Bill 345
Senate Bill 364
Senate Bill 387
Senate Bill 401
Senate Bill 434
Senate Bill 437
Senate Bill 449
Senate Bill 454
Senate Bill 466
Senate Bill 482
Senate Bill 503
Senate Bill 538
Senate Bill 555
Senate Bill 591
Senate Bill 592
Senate Bill 593
Senate Joint Resolution 65
Senate Joint Resolution 70
Senate Joint Resolution 71
Senate Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 297
Senate Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 325

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Stafsholt, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Adjourned.

1:56 P.M.