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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 2<sup>nd</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**Hearing Testimony**  
**Assembly Committee on State Affairs**  
**February 21, 2022**  
**Assembly Bill 1001**

Chairman Swearingen and members of the Assembly Committee on State Affairs – thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on AB 1001, relating to notifications to local elections officials and the elections commission regarding certain prospective jurors.

We can all agree that having free and fair elections is integral to the freedom of our republic. To better achieve that end, there is room for reform by cleaning up Wisconsin’s voter rolls, especially after November 2020’s general election when the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) allowed the voter rolls to remain bloated until after its conclusion.

To ensure that our voter rolls are clean and free of foreign interference, Senator Wimberger, Representative Knodl, and I have introduced this legislation to combat any potential dishonesty and maintain the principle that every legal citizen’s vote counts.

In the event of a prospective juror being flagged and disqualified due to not being a U.S. citizen or not living in the circuit for which they were called to serve, this bill requires each clerk of circuit court to notify the appropriate county clerk (adjusted in Amendment 1) and the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC).

When given notice, WEC is then required to examine the registration list for the respective disqualified juror and remove them if they have voted or are registered to vote and do not have the proper elector or residency qualifications.

I want to thank the committee for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions members of the committee may have.



STATE SENATOR

**Eric Wimberger**

DISTRICT 30

**Testimony on Assembly Bill 1001**  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for holding this hearing on Assembly Bill 1001. I appreciate your time and attention.

At the heart of the American democracy is the election of public officials. Government of the people, by the people and for the people must, ultimately be accountable to the people. The ability for each of us to change our government and those who lead it, is the cornerstone to the greatest democracy in the history of the world.

This bill will require each circuit court clerk to notify the appropriate municipal clerk or board of election commissioners and the WEC if a prospective juror is flagged and disqualified due to not being a U.S citizen. When given notice, WEC is then required to examine the registration list for the respective disqualified juror and remove them if they have voted or are registered to vote and do not have the proper elector or residency qualifications.

When the people begin to doubt or even become skeptical that the election process is fair, that their vote is being counted or that a powerful few, or an entrenched bureaucracy are controlling the results of our elections, the very bedrock of our country begins to crumble. It is no secret that recent events have caused many to begin to doubt the integrity of our elections and the actions of our government officials. Assembly Bill 1001 is one of several bills introduced to defend the integrity of our electoral process and restore the faith of the people in the validity and importance of their vote. Assembly Bill 1001 ensures that our voter rolls will be clean of foreign interference and maintain the principle that legal citizen's vote count.

As we enter another contentious campaign season, I know we will all agree that the integrity of our election must be a high priority. I urge your support for this important legislation.

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