

Committee Proposals

Items acted upon in committee

Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections 2023-24

This report lists all bills in the Committee that had a hearing or an executive session vote.

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2/13/2023

Assembly Bill 38

relating to: absentee ballot request and return confirmation.

By Representatives Steffen, Knodl, Armstrong, C. Anderson, Bare, Edming, Magnafici, Moses, Murphy, Mursau, O'Connor, Swearingen, Tusler and Jacobson; cosponsored by Senators Cabral-Guevara, Roys, Spreitzer and Tomczyk.

[LC Amendment Memo](#)

FINAL STATUS: Passed the Assembly on 11/09/2023; Senate companion SB 39 passed by committee but not by the Senate

3/8/2023

Assembly Bill 93

relating to: verifying citizenship of individuals on the official voter registration list and contents of operator's licenses and identification cards.

By Representatives Knodl, Allen, Armstrong, Behnke, Binsfeld, Brandtjen, Brooks, Dittrich, Duchow, Edming, Green, Gundrum, Kitchens, Magnafici, Michalski, Moses, Murphy, Mursau, Neylon, O'Connor, Rettinger, Rozar, Schraa, Tittl and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Stroebel, Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Cowles, Nass and Tomczyk.

FINAL STATUS: Companion bill SB 98 VETOED 12-06-2023

5/17/2023

Assembly Bill 282

relating to: broadcasting election night proceedings.

By Representatives Sortwell, Ortiz-Velez, Steffen, Behnke, Boddien, Brandtjen, Edming, Murphy, Moses and Krug; cosponsored by Senators Wimberger, Taylor, Nass and Tomczyk.

[LC Amendment Memo](#)

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee on 10/19/2023. no further action. Senate companion SB 283 signed into law as Act 53, [2023 Wisconsin Act 53: LC Act Memo](#)

5/17/2023

Assembly Bill 283

relating to: aids to counties and municipalities for certain special election costs and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Sortwell, Ortiz-Velez, Behnke, Brandtjen, Cabrera, Edming, Magnafici, Murphy, Steffen, Subeck and Krug; cosponsored by Senators Jacque, Taylor and Spreitzer.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee on 10/19/2023, no further action. Senate companion SB 278 passed by Senate on 10/17/2023 but died in Assembly Rules

5/25/2023

Assembly Bill 298

relating to: polling place closures.

By Representatives Sortwell, Ortiz-Velez, Baldeh, Behnke, Gundrum, Gustafson, Kitchens, Moses, Myers, Steffen, Stubbs and Krug; cosponsored by Senators Taylor, Jacque, Ballweg and Tomczyk.

FINAL STATUS: Signed into law as Act 124, [2023 Wisconsin Act 124: LC Act Memo](#)

6/22/2023

Assembly Bill 330

relating to: the number of signatures on nomination papers.

By Representatives Ortiz-Velez, Sortwell, Tittl, Gundrum, Cabrera, Joers, Andraca, C. Anderson, Sinicki, Murphy, Stubbs, Allen, Moses, Conley, Gustafson, Brandtjen, Krug and Bodden; cosponsored by Senators James, Taylor, Spreitzer, Carpenter, Cabral-Guevara, Tomczyk and Ballweg.

FINAL STATUS: Signed into law as Act 125, [2023 Wisconsin Act 125: LC Act Memo](#)

6/22/2023

Assembly Bill 335

relating to: judgments concerning a candidate's felony violation of certain campaign finance or election fraud laws.

By Representatives Ortiz-Velez, Sortwell, Conley, Cabrera, Myers, Joers, Ohnstad, Krug, Gustafson, Murphy and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senators Knodl, Spreitzer and Taylor.

FINAL STATUS: Signed into law as Act 52, [2023 Wisconsin Act 52: LC Act Memo](#)

9/6/2023

Assembly Bill 396

relating to: fees for obtaining the official voter registration list.

By Representatives Binsfeld, Gustafson, Bodden, Armstrong, Brandtjen, Donovan, Magnafici, Maxey, Murphy, Schmidt, Steffen, Tittl and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Knodl, Tomczyk, Stroebel, Nass and Jacque.

FINAL STATUS: VETOED on 12/06/2023

9/6/2023

Assembly Bill 414

relating to: public funds for substantially identical materials distributed by state senators and representatives to the assembly prior to a general election and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Steffen, Murphy, O'Connor, Pronschinske, Sinicki and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Knodl, Marklein and Nass.

FINAL STATUS: Companion bill SB 408 signed into law as Act 105, [2023 Wisconsin Act 105: LC Act Memo](#)

9/28/2023

Assembly Bill 441

relating to: timeline for sending or transmitting presidential preference primary absentee ballots.

By Representatives Bodden, Michalski, C. Anderson, Andraca, Behnke, Brooks, Conley, Considine, Duchow, Edming, Gundrum, Joers, Krug, Maxey, Rettinger, Schmidt, Subeck, Ortiz-Velez and Jacobson; cosponsored by Senators Stroebel, Spreitzer, Knodl, Ballweg, Felzkowski and James.

FINAL STATUS: Companion SB 433 signed into law as Act 54, [2023 Wisconsin Act 54: LC Act Memo](#)

10/12/2023

Assembly Bill 476

relating to: filling vacancies in elective state offices in the executive branch.

By Representatives Magnafici, Behnke, Brandtjen, Brooks, Edming, Goeben, Green, Gundrum, Gustafson, Kitchens, Michalski, Murphy, O'Connor, Rozar, Schutt and Steffen; cosponsored by Senators Tomczyk, Ballweg and James.

FINAL STATUS: VETOED on 3-21-2024

10/13/2023

Assembly Bill 493

relating to: counting write-in votes in the general election.

By Representatives Macco, Gundrum, S. Johnson, Michalski, O'Connor, Ortiz-Velez and Rozar; cosponsored by Senator Wanggaard.

FINAL STATUS: Passed on 11/09/2023; companion SB 493 passed by committee with no further action

10/16/2023

Assembly Bill 494

relating to: status as an indefinitely confined voter for purposes of automatically receiving absentee ballots and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Duchow, Armstrong, Dittrich, Edming, Goeben, Kitchens, Magnafici, Maxey, Murphy, Nedweski, O'Connor and Rettinger; cosponsored by Senator Knodl.

FINAL STATUS: VETOED on 1-18-2024

10/18/2023

Assembly Bill 495

relating to: poll list numbers marked on certain absentee ballots.

By Representatives Rozar, Snodgrass, Baldeh, Bare, C. Anderson, Conley, Joers, Krug, Michalski, Murphy, Mursau, Ortiz-Velez, Ratcliff, Shelton and Subeck; cosponsored by Senators Knodl, Spreitzer, Jacque and Wirch.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; no further action; no companion bill

10/18/2023

Assembly Bill 497

relating to: notice of change in polling place location.

By Representatives Haywood, Sinicki, Emerson, Subeck, Ortiz-Velez, Ratcliff, Ohnstad, Cabrera, Palmeri, Drake, Joers, J. Anderson and Shankland; cosponsored by Senators Spreitzer, Larson and Hesselbein.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; companion SB 570 received no action

10/18/2023

Assembly Bill 543

relating to: election observers and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Tittl, Allen, Armstrong, Behnke, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Goeben, Michalski, Murphy, Mursau, O'Connor, Rettinger, Rozar and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Quinn, Nass and Tomczyk.

FINAL STATUS: VETOED on 3-21-2024

10/23/2023

Assembly Bill 552

relating to: setting a maximum age for serving as a supreme court justice or judge of a court of record.

By Representatives Rettinger, Dittrich, O'Connor and Gustafson; cosponsored by Senators Tomczyk and Cabral-Guevara.

FINAL STATUS: Passed on 11/09/2023; Senate committee hearing but no further action; companion SB 569 heard in Senate w no further action

10/26/2023

Assembly Bill 567

relating to: transmitting and canvassing absentee ballots, use of central counting locations, election night reporting, whistleblower protection for municipal clerks, notifications and verifications concerning citizenship status, court determinations of incompetency and ineligibility to vote, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Tusler, Maxey, Armstrong, Dittrich, Donovan, Kitchens, Michalski, Murphy, O'Connor, Rettinger, Rozar, Schraa and Steffen; cosponsored by Senator Cabral-Guevara.

FINAL STATUS: Passed on 11/09/2023; heard in Senate committee but no further action; companion SB 685 heard in Senate w no further action

10/26/2023

Assembly Bill 570

relating to: certain kinds of election fraud, defects on absentee ballot certificates, returning absentee ballots to the office of the municipal clerk, appointment of election officials, allowing an employee of a residential care facility or qualified retirement home to serve as a personal care voting assistant during a public health emergency or an incident of infectious disease, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Maxey, Macco, Armstrong, Edming, Michalski, Murphy, Rettinger, Steffen and VanderMeer; cosponsored by Senator Jacque.

FINAL STATUS: VETOED on 3-21-2024

10/26/2023

Assembly Bill 571

relating to: maintenance of the voter registration list, training of municipal clerks, data sharing agreements, pre-election procedures, lines at the polls on election day, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Dittrich, Maxey, Michalski, S. Johnson, Edming, O'Connor, Murphy, Callahan, Rettinger, Armstrong, Moses and Rozar.

FINAL STATUS: Passed on 11/09/2023; no further action

10/26/2023

Assembly Bill 572

relating to: absentee voting in certain residential care facilities and retirement homes and court determinations of incompetency and ineligibility to vote.

By Representatives Kitchens, Allen, Binsfeld, Dittrich, Donovan, Edming, Goeben, Gundrum, Krug, Magnafici, Maxey, Michalski, Murphy, Mursau, Nedweski, O'Connor, Penterman and Rozar; cosponsored by Senators Quinn, Ballweg, Marklein and Nass.

FINAL STATUS: VETOED on 3-21-2024

10/31/2023

Assembly Bill 577

relating to: an election official's personal information; battery against election officials; whistleblower protection for municipal clerks, county clerks, and election officials who

witness and report election fraud or irregularities; harassing election officials; and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Goeben, Rozar, Ortiz-Velez, Behnke, Dittrich, S. Johnson, Maxey, O'Connor and Rettinger.

FINAL STATUS: Passed on 11/09/2023; Senate committee passed but no further action

10/31/2023

Assembly Bill 599

relating to: expressly prohibiting a foreign national from making a contribution to a referendum committee.

By Representatives Ratcliff, Sinicki, Ortiz-Velez, Conley, J. Anderson, Emerson, Snodgrass, Subeck, Baldeh, Bare, Shelton, Cabrera, Considine, Palmeri, Stubbs, C. Anderson, Joers and Shankland; cosponsored by Senators Larson, Spreitzer, Taylor, Roys, L. Johnson and Hesselbein.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; Companion SB 563 hearing but no further action

11/9/2023

Assembly Bill 664

relating to: disclosures regarding content generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Neylon, C. Anderson, J. Anderson, Armstrong, Bare, Behnke, Conley, Considine, Dittrich, Emerson, Gundrum, Joers, Kitchens, Krug, Mursau, O'Connor, Riemer, Rettinger, Schraa, Snodgrass, Snyder, Tittl, Wichgers and Goeben; cosponsored by Senators Quinn, Spreitzer, Feyen, Hesselbein and Cabral-Guevara.

FINAL STATUS: Signed into law as Act 123, [2023 Wisconsin Act 123: LC Act Memo](#)

12/6/2023

Assembly Bill 749

relating to: postelection audits by the Legislative Audit Bureau and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Allen, Murphy, Behnke, Bodden, Brandtjen, Goeben, O'Connor, Rettinger and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Tomczyk and Nass.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; companion SB 736 VETOED on 3/21/2024

12/6/2023

Assembly Bill 760

relating to: recommendations from the Ethics Commission regarding campaign finance, lobbying, open records, and closed sessions.

By Representatives Novak, Melotik, Conley, Gundrum, Mursau, Ortiz-Velez, Penterman and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Knodl and James.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; companion SB 741 signed into law as Act 120. [2023 Wisconsin Act 120: LC Act Memo](#)

1/3/2024

Assembly Bill 892

relating to: compliance with the federal Electoral Count Reform Act.

By Representatives Maxey, Michalski, O'Connor and Schmidt; cosponsored by Senators Feyen and Quinn.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; companion SB passed by Senate. No further action

2/1/2024

Assembly Bill 1037

relating to: witness address requirements on absentee ballot certificates, curing defects on absentee ballot certificates, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Rozar, Krug, Allen, Binsfeld, Bodden, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Goeben, Hurd, Kitchens, Maxey, Melotik, Moses, O'Connor, Penterman, Sortwell and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Tomczyk, Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, James and Testin.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by committee; companion SB 966 passed by Senate committee. No further action

9/29/2023

Assembly Joint Resolution 76

relating to: eligibility to vote in Wisconsin (second consideration).

By Representatives August, Gustafson, Dittrich, Allen, Plumer, Hurd, Maxey, O'Connor, Rettinger, Schutt, Armstrong, Magnafici, Nedweski, Bodden, Snyder, Petersen, Rozar, Behnke, Mursau, Penterman, Swearingen, Schraa, Edming, Murphy, Brooks, Binsfeld, Green, Summerfield, Moses, Callahan, Dallman, Schmidt, Goeben, Wittke, Gundrum, Duchow, Melotik, S. Johnson, Brandtjen, Born and Michalski; cosponsored by Senators Bradley, Nass, Wanggaard, Jacque, Stroebel, Ballweg, Jagler, Quinn, Tomczyk, Testin, Marklein, Felzkowski, Stafsholt and Cabral-Guevara.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by both houses, will be on the NOVEMBER 2024 ballot for consideration by the voters. If it passes that referendum vote it will become part of the State Constitution.

9/29/2023

Assembly Joint Resolution 77

relating to: prohibiting state and local governments from using privately sourced moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of elections and specifying who may perform tasks related to the conduct of an election (second consideration).

By Representatives August, Bodden, Sortwell, Dittrich, Allen, Steffen, Plumer, Hurd, Maxey, O'Connor, Rettinger, Schutt, Armstrong, Magnafici, Michalski, Nedweski, Snyder, Petersen, Rozar, Gundrum, Behnke, Mursau, Penterman, Swearingen, Edming, Murphy, Brooks, Binsfeld, Callahan, Green, Summerfield, Moses, Donovan, Dallman, Schmidt, Goeben, Wittke, Duchow, Melotik, S. Johnson, Brandtjen, Born and Gustafson; cosponsored by Senators Wimberger, Wanggaard, Nass, Stroebel, Feyen, Ballweg, Testin, Marklein, Cowles, Felzkowski, Tomczyk, Stafsholt and Cabral-Guevara.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by both houses, this SJR (containing two questions) was on the APRIL 2024 ballot for consideration by the voters and WAS PASSED and so now it will become part of the State Constitution

9/29/2023

Assembly Joint Resolution 78

relating to: requiring photographic identification to vote in any election (first consideration).

By Representatives Snyder, Gustafson, Allen, Armstrong, August, Binsfeld, Born, Dittrich, Donovan, Duchow, Edming, Goeben, Green, S. Johnson, Kitchens, Krug, Magnafici, Maxey, Michalski, Moses, Nedweski, Neylon, O'Connor, Penterman, Rettinger, Rozar, Schutt, Spiros, Swearingen, Tusler and Brandtjen; cosponsored by Senators Wanggaard, Ballweg, Bradley, Marklein, Nass, Testin and Tomczyk.

FINAL STATUS: Passed by both houses, this language will NOT be on a ballot for consideration by the voters until it is passed again by both houses in the 2025-26 legislative session. After second consideration, assuming the language is approved by the voters, it will become part of the State Constitution.

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