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An Examination of Early Voting in Wisconsin

Guiding Principles and Values

Any proposed transition to early voting in Wisconsin must include at least the following four core policy principals and values:

1. Improving the Wisconsin Voter's Experience
 - An effort to reduce the time required for citizens to early vote.
 - An outline of clear and uniform early vote standards, processes, procedures and guidelines.
2. Voting Integrity
 - A commitment to protect the accuracy, security, and secrecy of the early vote count process.
3. Administrative Efficiency
 - An effort to reduce administrative burdens on local election officials and workers.
 - An effort to control costs so that expenditures are justified by benefits to voters and election officials.
 - A strategic plan for implementation which includes a clear timeline and accurate cost analysis.
4. Balancing Local and State Interests
 - A commitment to respect self-determination and control of elections at the municipal level while making early voting accessible and consistent statewide.
 - A commitment to consult, collaborate with, and seek advice and counsel from local election officials (county and municipal clerks), members of the state legislature, voters, and other concerned and interested parties, elected officials, and advocacy groups.