## **Record of Committee Proceedings**

## Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules

#### **Wisconsin Elections Commission**

Directives regarding special voting deputies and absentee voting at care facilities.

### February 11, 2021 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (10) Senator Nass; Representative Neylon; Senators Stroebel, Bradley, Roys and Larson; Representatives August, Spiros, Subeck and

Hebl.

Absent: (0) None. Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Nass, seconded by Senator Stroebel that, pursuant to s. 227.26 (2) (b), Stats., the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules determines that the directive of the Wisconsin Elections Commission that clerks should proceed directly to mailing absentee ballots to voters who reside in care facilities, and that special voting deputies will not be dispatched to care facilities, most recently approved at the Commission's January 15, 2021, meeting, meets the definition of a rule under s. 227.01 (13), Stats., and directs the agency to promulgate the directive as an emergency rule within 30 days.

Ayes: (6) Senator Nass; Representative Neylon; Senators Stroebel and Bradley; Representatives August and Spiros.

Noes: (4) Senators Roys and Larson; Representatives Subeck and Hebl.

MOVED, THAT, PURSUANT TO S. 227.26 (2) (B), STATS., THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES DETERMINES THAT THE DIRECTIVE OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION THAT CLERKS SHOULD PROCEED DIRECTLY TO MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN CARE FACILITIES, AND THAT SPECIAL VOTING DEPUTIES WILL NOT BE DISPATCHED TO CARE FACILITIES, MOST RECENTLY APPROVED AT THE COMMISSION'S JANUARY 15, 2021, MEETING, MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A RULE UNDER S. 227.01 (13), STATS., AND DIRECTS THE AGENCY TO PROMULGATE THE

# DIRECTIVE AS AN EMERGENCY RULE WITHIN 30 DAYS. MOTION PASSED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Adam Field

Committee Clerk