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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2, **TO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 15**

March 23, 2021 - Offered by Representatives Sanfelippo, Brandtjen, Murphy, ROZAR, THIESFELDT and TUSLER.

Relating to: commending the administration of elections in Wisconsin and directing

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| 2 | the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections to investigate the |
| 3 | administration of elections in Wisconsin. |
| 4 | Whereas, the ability of American citizens to exercise their right to vote is |
| 5 | foundational to our representative democracy; and |
| 6 | Whereas, the legitimacy of the American form of government depends on the |
| 7 | citizens' widespread confidence in the fairness of elections and acceptance of election |
| 8 | results; and |
| 9 | Whereas, preserving the integrity of the electoral process is one of our |
| 10 | government's most important responsibilities; and |
| 11 | Whereas, the administration of elections in Wisconsin is governed by an |
| 12 | extensive set of duly enacted laws; and |

Whereas, however, election laws are not self-enforcing but rely on the good faith efforts of election officials to dutifully carry out those laws as written in order to ensure fair elections; and

Whereas, the integrity of our electoral process has been jeopardized by election officials who, either through willful disregard or reckless neglect, have failed to adhere to our election laws by, at various times, ignoring, violating, and encouraging noncompliance with bright-line rules established by the statutes and regulations governing the administration of elections in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Wisconsin Legislature to make laws and to exercise its oversight and investigative authority to determine the extent to which elections in Wisconsin have been conducted in compliance with the law; and

Whereas, election administrators, poll workers, and members of the Wisconsin National Guard came together in the midst of a global pandemic to conduct a safe, secure, and transparent election, dutifully carrying out those laws as written; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin Assembly hereby commend election administrators, poll workers, and members of the Wisconsin National Guard for their tireless efforts on behalf of voters across Wisconsin and thank these dedicated public servants, who put their country and democracy above all else for the benefit of our state; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Assembly hereby directs the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections to investigate the administration of elections in Wisconsin, focusing in particular on elections conducted after January 1, 2019.