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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 271

April 16, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, STEFFEN, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, GUNDRUM, MACCO, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURPHY, RAMTHUN, SKOWRONSKI, TUSLER, WICHGERS, KNODL and NEYLON, cosponsored by Senators WIMBERGER, WANGGAARD, BALLWEG and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

AN ACT ***to create*** 7.53 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** broadcasting election night proceedings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a municipality broadcasts canvassing proceedings live in any election, including by live stream on the Internet, the municipality must record the broadcast, and the municipal clerk must retain the recording for 22 months.

For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 7.53 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

7.53 **(5)** LIVE BROADCASTS. If a municipality broadcasts canvassing proceedings live in any election, including by live stream on the Internet, the municipality shall record the broadcast, and the municipal clerk shall retain the recording for the period specified in s. 7.23 (1) (f).

(END)