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Rep. Bodden: ERIC and Zuckerbucks Legislation

Madison, WI - State Representative Ty Bodden (R-Stockbridge) introduces legislation with Senator Stroebel to terminate Wisconsin's contract with ERIC and is the supporting author behind Representative August and Senator Wimberger on the constitutional amendment prohibiting state and local government from using privately sourced moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of elections, also known as the Zuckerbucks amendment.

Representative Bodden issued the following statement regarding ERIC: "I would like to give a big thank you Senator Stroebel for helping leading the charge to get Wisconsin out of ERIC. ERIC was started with heavy influence from liberal partisan forces and has not been forthcoming about voter data security or their dealings with third parties. The voter rolls are not cleaned up like they are supposed to be and the lack of transparency is deeply concerning. ERIC is useless when it comes to in-state voter fraud measures, which only makes ERIC valuable as an interstate voter fraud database. Interstate voter roll concerns should be resolved with an organization that is less partisan, less incompetent, and more secure than ERIC is. ERIC cannot be trusted and hopefully we can lay out more of its shortcomings in a hearing."

The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is a non-profit organization in the United States that is operated and financed by state elections agencies and chief elections officials.

Regarding the Zuckerbucks amendment, Representative Bodden stated, "I am honored to be a supporting author on the constitutional amendment prohibiting outside money from influencing our elections and election processes. If we can get this passed it would be a significant win for election integrity. Big shout out and thank you to Representative Tyler August and Senator Eric Wimberger for leading the charge on this. We all know Zuckerbucks played a terrible role in the 2020 election and that must never be allowed to happen again."

This is the second consideration of this amendment, meaning once it is passed in the legislature it will be placed on the April 2024 presidential primary ballot. Once it passes, it will be part of the Wisconsin State Constitution. In 2020, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg unethically bankrolled and staffed election offices around the state.

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The 59th Assembly District includes portions of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan and Washington Counties including the communities of Stockbridge, New Holstein, Mount Calvary, St. Cloud, Taycheedah, Campbellsport, Kewaskum, Allenton & Hartford.