



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 282

May 17, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, ORTIZ-VELEZ, STEFFEN, BEHNKE, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, MURPHY, MOSES and KRUG, cosponsored by Senators WIMBERGER, TAYLOR, NASS and TOMCZYK. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to create** 7.53 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** broadcasting election night
2 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:

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

4 **7.53 (5) LIVE BROADCASTS.** If a municipality broadcasts canvassing proceedings
5 live in any election, including by live stream on the Internet, the municipality shall
6 record the broadcast. The municipal clerk shall retain the recording for the period
7 specified in s. 7.23 (1) (f), unless, in good faith, the municipal clerk is unable to retain
8 the recording because the recording is maintained on an Internet video streaming

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1 service that goes out of business or is otherwise removed from the Internet, if the
2 service has been in operation for at least 10 years and has at least 1,000,000 account
3 holders at the time the municipal clerk posts the recording to the service.

4 (END)