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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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**2023 Wisconsin Act 53**  
[2023 Senate Bill 283]

**Recording Live Broadcasts  
of Election Canvassing**

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 53

Act 53 requires that if the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), a municipality, or a county broadcasts canvassing proceedings live, that entity must record the broadcast. The act generally requires WEC, the municipal clerk, or the county clerk to retain any such recording for 22 months.

However, the retention requirement does not apply if WEC or the relevant clerk is unable to retain the recording because it is maintained on a qualifying Internet video-streaming service that subsequently goes out of business or is otherwise removed from the Internet. To qualify, the Internet video-streaming service must have been in operation for at least 10 years and have at least one million account holders at the time WEC or the clerk posts the recording to the service.

**Effective date:** December 8, 2023

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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