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League of Women Voters Door County ACTION ALERT

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The League of Women Voters opposes AB 54, which limits the hours that municipal clerks may hold for in-person absentee voting before an election. It bans evening and weekend hours for early voting and limits total hours to no more than 40 hours per week in a two-week period prior to the election.

In Wisconsin our local election officials are known for their commitment to helping every qualified voter cast a ballot. AB 54 would not allow the clerks in Door County's small, rural municipalities the flexibility to serve their voting community of farmers, medical personnel and laborers who start work early and stay late, and may only have an evening or Saturday available during which to vote.

Limiting early voting to business hours would complicate the jobs of at least 8 of the municipal clerks in Door County (Brussels, Clay Banks, Town of Forestville, Gardner, Jacksonport, Nasewaupsee, Town of Sturgeon Bay and Union) who don't have offices and/or have "day jobs" and must perform their clerk duties off-hours. How will they serve their constituents, who also might work during business hours?

Wisconsin consistently ranks near the top nationally for clean, efficiently administered elections with high voter participation. Despite federal and state scrutiny of our elections in the past few years, we are not aware of problems related to early voting hours in our state.

We urge you to ask our legislators to reject AB 54, which limits the ability of local clerks to serve their constituents and makes voting difficult for the hard-working residents of Door County.

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