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Wasserman Wrong on Voter ID

MENOMONEE FALLS... A report issued by Milwaukee police investigators Tuesday says that requiring voters to show a photo ID would cut down on voter fraud.

But Representative Sheldon Wasserman (D-Milwaukee) is at odds with the clean-election recommendations, having consistently voted against bills that would require voters to show a photo ID.

Wasserman voted against AJR 17, a bill that would change the state Constitution to require voters to show a photographic identification to vote or to register to vote in Wisconsin. Senator Alberta Darling is a cosponsor of the bill, and has always voted in favor of voter ID.

Two consecutive Legislatures must pass identical resolutions before changing the Constitution. Because Democrat leadership is holding up AJR 17 in a Senate committee, the 4-year process to require voter IDs to vote must start all over again next year.

Wasserman voted against similar measures to require photo ID in the past:

- 07AJR17 second consideration requiring photo ID to vote (4/17/07 54-43 SW: No)
- 05AJR36 requires photo ID to vote (11/1/05, 57-36, Wasserman: No)
- 05AB63 ID required for voting (2/24/05, 64-33, Wasserman: No)
- 05SB42 ID required for voting in elections (6/23/05, 63-42, Wasserman: No)
- 03AB111, ID to vote at a polling place (3/13/03, 60-34, Wasserman: No)

“Everyone I talk to supports showing a photo ID to vote, and they can’t understand why we don’t require it now,” said Darling. “People want to know that their vote means something, and not be cancelled out by groups of people here to commit voter fraud.”

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