



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** calling for the resignation of the administrator, assistant
2 administrator, and several members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

3 Whereas, the Wisconsin Constitution vests the power to make and change laws
4 in the Wisconsin Legislature; and

5 Whereas, through an Act, the Legislature created the Wisconsin Elections
6 Commission to faithfully administer and enforce Wisconsin's election laws in a
7 transparent manner, free from partisan bias; and

8 Whereas, on February 8, 2021, the Legislature charged the Legislative Audit
9 Bureau with the task of evaluating the recent efforts by the Elections Commission
10 to comply with election laws; and

11 Whereas, on October 22, 2021, the Legislative Audit Bureau reported its
12 findings to the Legislature, identifying numerous instances of election law violations
13 by the Elections Commission and its staff, including their failure to perform their
14 statutorily required duties, issuance of elections guidance that contradicted existing

1 statutes, and failure to promulgate administrative rules to reflect recent changes to
2 elections statutes; and

3 Whereas, on October 28, 2021, the Racine County Sheriff's Office announced
4 the results of an investigation, accusing several members of the Elections
5 Commission of violating election laws by issuing directives to local government
6 officials to illegally suspend the use of special voting deputies during the 2020
7 elections; and

8 Whereas, the purposeful actions of the administrator of the Elections
9 Commission and several of its members to ignore or contravene existing laws in
10 effect usurped the Legislature's constitutional authority to write the laws of this
11 state, undermining the legitimacy of government in Wisconsin and the public's
12 confidence in Wisconsin's elections process; and

13 Whereas, the egregious misconduct of Elections Commission Administrator
14 Meagan Wolfe, Assistant Administrator Richard Rydecki, and Commissioners
15 Marge Bostelmann, Julie M. Glancey, Ann S. Jacobs, Dean Knudson, and Mark L.
16 Thomsen renders them unfit to serve in their current positions; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
19 Legislature forcefully urges Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator
20 Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin Elections Commission Assistant Administrator Richard
21 Rydecki, and Wisconsin Elections Commissioners Marge Bostelmann, Julie M.
22 Glancey, Ann S. Jacobs, Dean Knudson, and Mark L. Thomsen to immediately resign
23 from the Elections Commission; and, be it further

1 **Resolved, That** failing such resignations, the Wisconsin Legislature should
2 undertake all actions available to it under the law that are necessary to effect the
3 abovenamed individuals' removal from the Elections Commission; and, be it further

4 **Resolved, That** the Wisconsin Legislature recommends that the Wisconsin
5 attorney general conduct a thorough investigation of the abovenamed individuals'
6 conduct in the administration of the 2020 elections and make referrals as necessary
7 to the appropriate district attorneys for the filing of criminal charges.

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