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Shannon Zimmerman Increases Voting Access

Madison...Today Assembly Bill 168, authored by Rep. Zimmerman (R-River Falls), was signed into law by Governor Evers. AB 168 allows those unable to speak their name and address when voting to have either the election official, or another person selected by the voter, to speak the information aloud.

"The idea for this bill came from a wonderful local advocate, Ramsey Lee", said Zimmerman. "This bill will directly benefit people with disabilities, who won't have to worry about being turned away from the polls for not fulfilling the speaking requirement."

Disability Rights Wisconsin, which supported the bill, noted they had heard of instances of eligible voters being turned away from the polls, including a mother who took her deaf son to vote and had to argue with poll workers so that he could vote, and another man who was denied the ability to vote due to disability.

"The bill balances accommodation and election integrity" said Zimmerman. "Speaking name and address aloud is important for election observers, so ensuring someone still speaks the name while allowing a very reasonable accommodation is a bipartisan win-win."

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