



Tony Evers

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 936 in its entirety.

This bill would modify the way in which the Elections Commission processes sworn complaints, requiring the commissioners to determine how to proceed with the complaints, and would modify the procedures for the post-election audit.

The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy; it should not be subject to the whim of politicians who do not like the outcome of an election. Elected officials should not be able to abuse their power to cheat or control the outcomes of our elections or to prevent eligible voters from casting their ballots. This legislation is among many that have been sent to my desk during this legislative session, each passed under the guise of needing to reform our election system because elected officials in this state have enabled disinformation about our elections and election processes. I have and will object to each and every effort by this Legislature and its members to undermine our democracy, to erode confidence in our elections, and to demean and harass dedicated clerks, election administrators, and poll workers.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature micromanaging the way the Elections Commission reviews and addresses complaints of elections violations, creating unnecessarily burdensome requirements. The Elections Commission has a clear responsibility to review election complaints in a timely manner. The 60-day timeline proposed by this bill is unnecessarily cumbersome. The commission and its staff require flexibility when responding to complaints as necessary and should not have to wait for a formal commission meeting to act whether that be to grant relief or dismiss a frivolous complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Evers
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers".