



# Tony Evers

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 292 in its entirety.

This bill would require a municipality that chooses to broadcast or live stream election night canvassing proceedings to store a recording of those proceedings for 22 months.

I am vetoing this bill because I object to creating an unnecessary and unequal burden for certain municipalities. This bill purports to be about transparency, but if that were the case, the bill would have required all municipalities to broadcast or live stream canvassing proceedings and store the recordings of such proceedings. Instead, this bill saddles communities that have, in the interest of transparency, chosen to broadcast their canvassing with the additional requirement to then store a recording of it. By placing an unequal burden on municipalities that choose to broadcast or live stream these proceedings, the bill acts as both a disincentive for municipalities to continue those efforts, and moreover, ultimately disincentivizes other municipalities from joining and starting this practice.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tony Evers  
Governor