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LWWVI Support of AB374/SB378

Compliance with the Federal Electoral Count Reform Act (ECRA)

The Electoral Count Reform Act and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022 (ECRA) is a revision of the Electoral Count Act of 1887, adding procedures set out in the Constitution of the United States for the counting of electoral votes following a presidential election. It also amended the Presidential Transition Act.

The ECRA is bipartisan legislation that fixes the flaws of the archaic and ambiguous Electoral Count Act of 1887 and established clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

These bills ensure that Wisconsin election law is in compliance with the ECRA in order to comply with deadlines and mandates established by the ECRA for selecting presidential electors and transmitting election results to Congress.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin's position is that election administration should be adequately coordinated and funded to achieve statewide standards uniformly applied, verifiable results and local municipal effectiveness.

The ECRA was long overdue. Under the ECRA, all states must follow the deadlines concerning presidential elections in the ECRA. Accordingly, the League supports these bipartisan bills be adopted for Wisconsin's presidential election administration.