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Are Wisconsin's elections secure? In a nutshell - yes - and the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), our state election agency, their partners in other federal and state agencies, and good government groups like the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin are working to ensure they stay secure.

Wisconsin has a number of good things already in place to keep our elections secure:

- We have a **custom voter registration system** that has security measures in place to stop outside infiltration and limit damage they could cause within the system.
- Wisconsin has **Election Day Registration** which acts as a failsafe for voters in case the voter registration system is hacked.
- In addition, every ballot cast in Wisconsin has a **paper record**, so if there is an issue with the tabulation machines, election officials can go to the paper for a recount.
- After every November election, state law requires election officials to conduct **audits of the voting equipment** used in the state to ensure that it is counting ballots accurately.
- And Wisconsin has **voting rights groups**, like the League of Women Voters, monitoring whether election procedures are being followed, giving voters information they can trust, and tracking the latest developments around election security.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has been working to address immediate election security concerns including the application of \$7 million of federal grant funding to secure Wisconsin's elections. These improvements involve:

- upgrades for **security software** and a multi-factor verification system,
- improved and updated **security training** for clerks,
- improved and detailed **communications plan** for clerks, election workers, and the public
- working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Wisconsin Division of Enterprise Technology to **test Wisconsin's election systems**, identify vulnerabilities and offer suggestions of how those vulnerabilities can be improved.

Citizens can also help to ensure Wisconsin's elections remain secure by

- asking their representatives to ensure the Wisconsin Elections Commission, their county clerks, and municipal clerks **have the funding** they need to securely administer our elections,
- **attending public tests** of voting equipment before each election,
- encouraging their county clerks to perform **post-election audits**,
- Voting! The most important thing citizens can do is to vote and encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to vote. **The best way to protect your right to vote, is by voting.**

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. We value fairness, transparency, accountability and accessibility in every election to ensure that citizens in our state can participate effectively in their government. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin is continuing to investigate what more could and should be done to secure Wisconsin's election, and will continue to monitor the issue of election security as it evolves.