



SGA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
of UW-STEVENS POINT

LEGISLATIVE COVER SHEET

Statute in Support of Creating a Volby Compliant Student ID

Legislative Title

Legislative Affairs Committee

Sponsoring Committee

Summary:

States UWSP SGA's support for a voter compliant ID

Bill Number:

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Date Presented: 10-20-2023

Date of Action: 10-27-2023

<p>Sponsoring Committee</p> <p><u>4 / 0 / 0</u></p> <p><u>Y / N / A</u></p> <p><u>Scott A. [Signature]</u></p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>	<p>Rules Committee</p> <p><u> / /</u></p> <p><u>Y / N / A</u></p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>	<p>General Assembly</p> <p><u> / /</u></p> <p><u>Y / N / A</u></p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>
<p>Constitution Review Committee</p> <p><i>If the legislation is a bylaw amendment or constitutional amendment, it must pass through Constitution Review Committee</i></p> <p><u> / /</u></p> <p><u>Y / N / A</u></p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>		

Presidential Signature | Date

If applicable, veto override: /

Y / N

Speaker of the Senate signature, if applicable | Date

APPROVED

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Attach Explanation

1 **Statute In Support Of Creating A Voting Compliant Student ID**

2 **Whereas:** In 2020, UW Stevens Point had a voting rate of 59.5%, 6.5% less than the national
3 voting average*;

4 **Whereas:** UW Superior and UW La Crosse have student ID meeting Wisconsin's laws to make
5 them voting compliant;

6 **Whereas:** In 2020 UW Superior and UW La Crosse voting rates of 65% and 67.9% respectively,
7 averaging in excess of the national voting average of 66%**;

8 **Whereas:** UW Superior and UW La-Crosse's voting rates exceeded UW Stevens Point's
9 (UWSP) by an average of 7%, which is likely due, at least in part, to their voting compliant
10 student ID;

11 **Whereas:** A normal UWSP student ID costs \$6.15 to make;

12 **Whereas:** Adding a date of issuance, an expiration date within two years of issuance, and a
13 student signature would make UWSP student IDs voting compliant and would raise the cost to
14 \$6.81, a cost difference of only \$0.66***;

15 **Whereas:** This action would allow out of state students to be able to vote without excessively
16 prohibitive barriers;

**Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and
Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for University of Wisconsin-Stevens
Point. Medford, MA*

***Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and
Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for University of Wisconsin-La
Crosse. Medford, MA*

***Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and
Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for University of Wisconsin-Superior.
Medford, MA*

****Joslin, Jon. Point Card Office Question, 22 Feb. 2023.*

17 **Whereas:** This action would allow students who do not have a valid ID to vote without
18 excessively prohibitive barriers;

19 **Whereas:** Issuing voting compliant student IDs allows students who may not have access to
20 certain documents, the time, or the resources to get to and go through lengthy DMV process

21 **Whereas:** Issuing voting compliant student IDs can be expected to increase the student voting
22 rate at UWSP;

23 **Whereas:** According to CIRCLE, the college vote in Wisconsin often has a significant effect on
24 elections, at many times being the deciding factor****;

25 **Whereas:** Issuing voting compliance student IDs at UWSP will allow UWSP students to have a
26 legitimate impact on their local community, thus creating civically engaged members of society

27 **Therefore, be it resolved:** The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Student Government
28 Association recognizes the importance of civic engagement for a college student and our
29 democratic institutions;

30 **Therefore, be it further resolved:** The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Student
31 Government Association supports the continued issuance of student IDs that meet Wisconsin
32 state law for voting compliant IDs, in order to allow all students to exercise their right to vote
33 and participate in democracy, for all further classes of the University Of Wisconsin Stevens
34 Point, so long as the institution remains standing;

35 **Therefore, be it finally resolved:** That upon passage of this statute, it shall be sent to Chancellor
36 Gibson, Vice Chancellor Al Thompson, Chancellor Gibson’s Chief of Staff, Rob Manzke, The
37 Point Card Office, and all others needed for appropriate implementation.

****Booth, Ruby B, et al. “The Youth Vote Could Be Decisive in Wisconsin 2022 Midterm Races.”

Circle at Tufts, Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, 26 Aug. 2022, circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/youth-vote-could-be-decisive-wisconsin-2022-midterm-races.

38 **Authors:** Student at Large Roy Thorson
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40 **Sponsor:** Speaker Rodgers Senator Fey
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42 **Sponsoring Committee:** Legislative Affairs Committee

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