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MADISON - Thanks to all who contacted the Joint Finance committee co-chairs about Elections Commission staffing, based on our [Call to Action](#) yesterday. **They heard you!** The budget committee voted to keep 5 of the 6 elections positions that were slated to be cut in Governor Walker's budget recommendation. Good work!

Congratulations to the [League of Women Voters of North Carolina](#), a plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging that state's voter suppression law. The law was enacted hastily in 2013 after the Supreme Court gutted parts of the Voting Rights Act. It imposed a strict photo ID requirement and made other changes. The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday [declined to reinstate the law](#), leaving in place a lower court ruling that said the law targeted African American voters "with almost surgical precision."

LWV US President Chris Carson said last week: "President Trump's 'Election Integrity Commission' is an unnecessary distraction from the real work to protect against foreign hacking and interference in our electoral process." Read the [full statement here](#).

[4 Wisconsin Counties Now on Record Opposing Gerrymandering](#)

Jefferson County has joined Wood, Lincoln and Dunn counties in calling on the legislature to pass nonpartisan redistricting reform.

[When Does Political Gerrymandering Cross a Constitutional Line?](#)

This New York Times article explains why the Wisconsin redistricting case now in the U.S. Supreme Court may be the "holy grail" that sets a standard for when partisan gerrymandering goes too far.

[Education Advocate Judy Crain Receives Chancellor's Award](#)

Congratulations to LWV WI Legislative Committee member Judy Crain on winning UW-Green Bay's highest community honor recognizing her outstanding education advocacy.

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