



**Title:** Resolution in Opposition of Wisconsin State Legislature Assembly Bill 898

**Whereas**, if this bill were to become law it would disenfranchise the 150,000 UW-System students further, as university students are already considered a disenfranchised group of voters;

**Whereas**, the analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau of the bill states, "Current law generally allows any individual who is eligible to vote, to vote by absentee ballot. The bill modifies that provision so that an individual who registers to vote electronically or by mail must vote for the first time after such registration in person, at the polling place, or by in-person absentee ballot, unless the individual is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under federal law";

**Whereas**, according to the NSLVE (National Student of Learning, Voting, and Engagement) CAMPUS REPORT, the 2018 Voting rate for all institutions was 39.1%;

**Whereas**, if this bill is passed into law it WOULD negatively impact university students and lower an already low voter turnout among college students;

**Whereas**, in the 2018 midterm election around 519 UW-Stout students voted via absentee;

**Whereas**, if this bill is passed into law it would make it almost impossible for students who vote absentee, to vote where they want to, as most college students vote absentee because they CANNOT make it to their voting location;

**Whereas**, making voting as accessible as possible for college students is incredibly crucial, and this bill would set a precedent for continued voter suppression in Wisconsin;

**Whereas**, this bill would also negatively impact other disenfranchised groups like, people with a disability, people of low-income, the elderly, and people of color;

**Whereas**, the state should be taking every step in order to help make voting more accessible to everyone, especially college students;

**Be it therefore resolved**, we, the U.S.S. of the S.S.A. oppose Wisconsin State Legislature Assembly Bill 898;

**Be it therefore resolved**, this motion be distributed to, Representative Allen, Representative Stafsholt, Senator Schachtner, Committee on Campaigns and Election Chair Representative Tusler, Vice Chair Representative Sanfelippo, Representative Brandtjen, Representative Macco, Representative Sortwell, Representative Murphy, Representative Zamarripa, Representative Subeck, Representative Spreitzer, Governor Tony Evers, External Relations Doug Mell, and SSA Director of Legislative Affairs McConville.



University Student Senate  
Stout Student Association  
University of Wisconsin-Stout

University Student Senate 50<sup>th</sup> Congress  
U.S.S. 50.19.05  
Date Introduced: February 25, 2020  
Moved by: Director McConville  
Seconded by: Senator Briggs  
Sponsored by: Congressional Committee

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Date acted upon: February 25th, 2020

Action: Passed

Vote: 16 - 0 - 4 (Yays-Nays-Abstentions)

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Deon Canon  
President  
Stout Student Association

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Christopher Johnson  
Vice-President  
Stout Student Association