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***Senator Smith writes about how the local elections last week paint a different picture about Wisconsin's finances and the inaction by Republicans to invest in our local governments.***

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MADISON - Last Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April was the spring election. It was clear based on the referenda questions on ballots throughout Wisconsin that something isn't right. Headlines throughout the past year proclaimed Wisconsin had a record surplus, but our ballots painted a different story of our state's finances. It begs the question, what didn't get done?

Decisions are made in town halls and municipal board rooms that determine how funds from the state, or collected through property taxes, are spent. Ever since the state capped how much local governments can raise in taxes, it falls on the state to make sure municipalities have the resources to meet their local needs. The passage of the two constitutional amendments on the ballot last week adds additional pressure for the state to adequately fund elections administered by our local municipalities.

## The People's Work Undone

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