

The Wisconsin State Supreme Court

An overwhelming majority of the electorate has agreed that a change in the makeup of the Wisconsin State Supreme Court was warranted. With the election of Justice Janet Protasiewicz we now have a 4-3 margin of progressive judges on the court.

Our experience with the conservative majority was disappointing. In 2021, by a 4-3 vote, the conservatives voted to preserve the gerrymandered districting that has given a strangle hold of our representation in the Congress and State Legislature to the Republican Party. This was done by touting a "least change principle" that does not exist in the election laws of our state. (So much for the conservative principle of adhering to legal statute.)

In 2020, Justice Brian Hagedorn parted with his fellow conservatives when the issue of the Presidential electors was being challenged. By a 4-3 vote the WSSC agreed it was proper to send the electoral college representatives elected by the people of the state, rather than sending the election to the State Legislature and have them send an alternative slate of electors. To be clear, we were one justice's vote away from discounting our votes for the Presidency.

Private, legal, and safe choices regarding women's reproductive health will be coming to the WSSC in consideration of the current 1849 state law that bans abortion for any reason in Wisconsin. As many as 70% of citizens think legislative interference in an individual woman's choice is improper.

Environmental law will also be impacted by this election. A clean environment is our heritage and our future. It cannot be squandered to special interests.

The exceptional turnout in the Spring 2023 election reflects the interest of our fellow Wisconsinites in these issues. However, the work is not done with this election. An informed and motivated electorate is key to our future.

You do not need a reason to request an absentee mail-in ballot. Go to MyVote.com for further guidance or to the Juneau County Democrats website at jcodem.org. Please note that you need to update your request for an absentee ballot every year and that not casting a ballot in an individual election takes you from the list to receive a ballot for an upcoming election.

You are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Juneau County Democrats on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Timmy's Time Out in Mauston at 7PM. We can use your help. You already will help a great deal by voting.