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**Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 1:59 PM**  
**To: \*Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; \*Legislative**  
**All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>**  
**Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB-5957/2; relating to: Repealing Wisconsin's**  
**membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center.**  
**Attachments: (21-5957 2).pdf**

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### **CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 11th, 2022  
**TO:** Legislative Colleagues  
**FROM:** Rep. Timothy Ramthun  
**RE:** Co-sponsorship of LRB-5957/2; **relating to: Repealing Wisconsin's membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center.**

**DEADLINE: Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 12:00pm**

E.R.I.C database is vulnerable to enabling outside entities to gain access to Wisconsin voter data and personal information such as social security numbers, driver's license numbers and home addresses. This database is shared among 32 states, and is extremely vulnerable to hacking that can include identity theft or voter manipulation.

In order to protect and restore confidence in our elections process, this bill seeks to repeal, amend, and create new statutes that will terminate the contract Wisconsin has with E.R.I.C. to protect voters from this vulnerability.

If you have questions or would like to co-sponsor this bill, please reply to this email or contact Representative Ramthun's office at 6-9175 **before 12:00 PM on Friday, October 21st, 2022.**

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the administrator of the Elections Commission is required to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to assist the commission in maintaining Wisconsin's official voter registration list. This bill terminates Wisconsin's membership agreement with ERIC and directs the administrator of the Elections Commission to undertake all actions necessary and proper to effect that termination. The bill also expressly prohibits the commission and any other state agency from entering into a membership agreement with ERIC.