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## A Done Decision

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We probably needn't feel suspense about whether the Wisconsin Supreme Court will let certain sloppy voting practices continue.

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty and the chairman of the Racine County Republican Party filed a lawsuit alleging that Racine city officials illegally used a van to collect absentee ballots in 2022. A circuit court ruled that such mobile voting sites violate state law.

Now, "without allowing any lower appellate courts to rule first," the state's supreme court will decide whether the circuit court is right about that.

The high court voted 4 to 3 to accept the case. The three justices who opposed end-running the appellate

courts are conservative (read: Republican); the other four are liberal (read: Democrat).

The Democrat justices voted to take the case at the request of the Democratic National Committee, which leads a political party known to be a proponent of slapdash voting procedures, slapdashery that observers tend to agree favors Democrats.

Chief Justice Annette Ziegler, who is part of the conservative bloc, has stated that the "liberal" justices proceeded in this way in order to help the Democrats politically. Ziegler knows her "liberal" colleagues, and I guess they must be the sort of *progressives* who don't make conscientious adherence to the law in the service of election integrity a top priority.

So I think what's about to happen is more of a foregone conclusion than it is a cliffhanger.

We know how the court will decide — but wouldn't we love a surprise ending?

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.