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MEMORANDUM

TO: All County Clerks and the Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Diane Lowe, Elections Specialist

DATE: January 8, 2013

SUBJECT: Certification of Candidates for the 2013 Spring Primary and Spring Election and Special Primary and Election for Representative to the Assembly, District 98
Sample Ballots
Type B Notices
Primary and Election Information

The Spring Primary will be held on February 19, 2013, and the Spring Election will be held on April 2, 2013. Attached to this email is the *primary* certification of candidates for judicial office in the counties where a primary is required. Also, included is the *election* certification of candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and judicial offices in counties where a primary is not required. A ballot order document is included for the primary and for the election.

Certification of Candidates for Spring Primary

A Certificate of Nomination for the February 19, 2013, Spring Primary is attached. **ALL** counties are required to hold a primary for the office of **Justice of the Supreme Court**. The following counties are also required to hold a judicial primary for **Circuit Court Judge**: Dodge, Manitowoc and Milwaukee. Waukesha County will conduct a primary for **Representative to the Assembly, District 98**. Waukesha's certification is in a separate document.

Certification of Candidates for Spring Election

A Certificate of Nomination for the April 2, 2013, Spring Election is attached for counties where the judicial offices do not require a primary.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in all counties.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 2 – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Winnebago and Counties.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 3 – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in the counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron,

Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas, and Washburn.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4 – Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood.

Circuit Court Judge – This office will appear at least once on the judicial ballot in the counties of Brown, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Jefferson, La Crosse, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Rock, St. Croix, Sheboygan, Trempealeau and Waukesha.

All Counties will receive an amended election certificate of nomination following the primary canvass.

TYPE B NOTICE

Sample **Type B Notices for the spring primary and spring election** have been posted to the website: <http://gab.wi.gov/publications/election-notices>. (They are both labeled “2013-01.”) Both combine instructions on all types of voting systems. Please review the sample notices and delete any paragraphs that do not apply to your county. The Type B Notice for the spring primary, including the sample ballots, must be published the day before the primary election, Monday, February 18, 2013. The Type B Notice for the spring election, including the sample ballot, must be published the day before the spring election, Monday, April 1, 2013.

If no daily newspaper is published in the county, the notice must be published in the closest issue preceding the election. You may choose to publish the Type B Notice on Saturday or Sunday preceding the election if you determine that more effective notice will be given.

All county clerks must provide a copy of the Type B Notice to each municipal clerk within the county. All municipal clerks are required to post a copy of the Information to Electors from the Type B notice and two samples of each ballot at each polling place on Election Day.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Sample paper and optical scan ballots for the Spring Primary and Spring Election can be found on the G.A.B. website <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/ballots>. The primary ballots series is GAB-208 and the election series is GAB-209. The samples should be modified so that any office not requiring a primary is eliminated from the primary ballot (GAB-208). Also, any office not up for election should be eliminated from the body of the election ballot (GAB-209).

Please take special note of the following standards that are required when preparing your ballots:

Offices may not be split between two columns. All candidates for an office and write-in lines must be contained in one column.

“Cont.” should follow a column heading when an office type is continued from one column to another.
Example:

Municipal	Municipal (Cont.)
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For optical scan or consolidated ballots: When there is a referendum question, the title of the section should read “Referendum,” followed by an indication of the type of jurisdiction holding the referendum (County,

Municipal or School District) before the question. If more than one jurisdiction is holding a referendum, county questions are first, followed by municipal and school district questions.

For Optical Scan or consolidated ballots, placement and format of the office of municipal judge serving more than one municipality (also called multi-jurisdictional municipal judge) can be found on the sample election ballot with unnumbered town supervisors (GAB-209mtu).

Ballot Review

You are required to send a copy of your ballot containing state offices to the Government Accountability Board for approval. Please send only one representative sample. DO NOT send all ballot styles. You may either fax your ballot to 608-267-0500 or email it to gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov. Please make sure that you proof your ballots again after receiving your ballots from your printer.

Canvass Reporting

Please note that your primary canvass is to be sent electronically to wired@seb.state.wi.us or faxed to 608-267-0500, as soon as possible after you complete your canvass, but **no later than February 28, 2013**. Your original canvass signed by the Board of Canvassers must be delivered to the G.A.B. as soon as possible.

Spring election canvasses are to be sent electronically to wired@seb.state.wi.us or faxed to 608-267-0500, as soon as possible after you complete your canvass, but **no later than April 12, 2013**.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov.

Attachments (6)