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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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City of Milwaukee Elections Commission
Milwaukee County Election Commission

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SUBJECT: Statewide Primary for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court
Military voters must be sent state write-in ballots for both spring elections on January 5, 2011

Municipal clerks were advised to wait until January 5, 2011 before sending out state write-in ballots to military electors for the 2011 Spring Primary until the offices on the Primary ballot were known. The filing deadline for nomination papers ended last night, January 4, 2011 at 5:00pm. There is still a possibility of challenges to nomination papers. However, write-in ballots for military electors for the 2011 February Primary must be sent out today.

As of this morning there will be a statewide election for the 2011 February Spring Primary for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court. Additionally, there will be a 2011 February Primary for the office of Circuit Court Judge in the following counties:

- Columbia County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 2
- Green Lake County Circuit Court Judge
- Marathon County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5
- Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 18
- Polk County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 2
- Sheboygan County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3
- Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6

All military electors must be sent a February Primary state write-in ballot containing only the offices appearing on the February Primary ballot by the end of the day, today, January 5, 2011. This is also the 90 day deadline for sending military electors a state write-in ballot for the 2011 April Spring Election. All military electors must also be sent an April Spring Election state write-in ballot by the end of the day January 5, 2011. Since both ballots are being sent at the same time ballots should be sent in separate envelopes that are clearly marked with the election name and date. ([See Guidance on Two Issues Concerning Military Write-In Ballots](#) for additional information)

All military electors' absentee ballot information must be tracked in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). It is the municipalities' responsibility to ensure their military absentee ballot information is tracked in SVRS either by that municipality or by a Provider.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. We look forward to an exciting and successful Spring Election cycle.

If you questions or require assistance, please contact the GAB Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or GABHelpDesk@wi.gov Thank you.

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