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MEMORANDUM

TO: All County Clerks and the Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Government Accountability Board Staff

DATE: January 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Certification of Candidates for the 2011 Spring Primary and Spring Election
Sample Ballots for Spring Primary and Spring Election
Type B Notices for Spring Primary and Spring Election
Primary and Election Information

The Spring Primary will be held on February 15, 2011, and the Spring Election will be held on April 5, 2011. **There is a statewide primary for Justice of the Supreme Court.** Several counties will also conduct a primary for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Included with this communication is the primary certification of candidates for judicial offices in counties where a primary is required (all counties will hold a primary for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court). Also included is the election certification of candidates for judicial offices that do not require a primary.

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR SPRING PRIMARY

A Certificate of Nomination for the February 15, 2011 Spring Primary is included with this communication. In addition to holding a primary for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, the following counties are required to hold a judicial primary for **Circuit Court Judge**:

Columbia	Polk
Green Lake	Sheboygan
Marathon	Winnebago
Milwaukee	

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR SPRING ELECTION

A Certificate of Nomination for the April 5, 2011 Spring Election is included with this communication. The certificate lists only those offices that do not require a primary.

The accompanying ballot order listing for the April 5, 2011 election shows the ballot order for those offices that *do not* require a primary. You will notice that where a particular office requires a primary, there are no candidates listed, and the number of candidates is listed as zero. An amended ballot order will be issued following the primary canvass.

Offices up for election this spring are:

Justice of the Supreme Court – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in all counties.

Court of Appeals Judge, District III – 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 IV – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in the counties of 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 Columbia, Dane, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green Lake, Iron, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Milwaukee, Oconto, Outagamie, Polk, Portage, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

Amended election certificates of nomination for the offices requiring a primary (including Justice of the Supreme Court) will be issued following the primary canvass.

TYPE B NOTICES

Sample **Type B Notices for the spring primary and spring election** have been posted to the website: <http://gab.wi.gov/publications/election-notices>. 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 14, 2011. The Type B Notice for the spring election, including the sample ballot, must be published the day before the spring election, Monday, April 4, 2011.

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

All ballots are available from the Government Accountability Board website at the following link: <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/ballots>. **Note:** For those counties that have Multi-jurisdictional Municipal Judge offices up for election, a sample GAB-230 (Official Primary Paper Ballot for Municipal Judge) and a sample GAB-231 (Official Election Paper Ballot for Municipal Judge) are also available from the link above. Optical Scan counties may see the placement of the office of Multi-jurisdictional Judge on an optical scan ballot by reviewing GAB-208mv.

Ballots must be delivered to the municipal clerks no later than January 24, 2011 for the Spring Primary and no later than March 14, 2011 for the Spring Election.

If you have any questions regarding ballot layout, please contact Diane Lowe at 608-266-3276 (diane.lowe@wi.gov), Ross Hein at 608-267-3666 (ross.hein@wi.gov), Steve Pickett at 608-266-3061 (steve.pickett@wi.gov) or David Buerger at 608-167-0951 (david.buerger@wi.gov).

BALLOT REVIEW

It is very important that you send final proofs of ballots **before** printing. You may FAX ballot proofs to 608-267-0500, or you may email them to Diane, Ross, Steve or David. **Please make sure you proof and approve your ballots before sending them to us.** Please only send ONE representative sample; do not send multiple ballot styles.

Please Note: We will only review ballot proofs sent from you; we will not review ballots sent directly from your printer or from municipal clerks. This reduces the confusion, duplication of effort, and error caused by trying to work with county clerks, municipal clerks and vendors before the final ballot proofs are ready. We appreciate your continued cooperation.

CANVASS REPORTING

Primary canvasses are to be delivered to the Government Accountability Board **no later than February 22, 2011**. Because of the short period of time allowed for canvassing, it is essential that we receive your canvass as soon as possible after the primary. **Please send your primary county canvass to us by overnight delivery to assist us in the certification of primary election results. For your convenience, we will send prepaid mailers to you the last week of January.**

Spring election canvasses are to be delivered **no later than April 15, 2011**.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact and Elections Specialist.

Attachments: Certification of Nomination (Primary)
Certification of Nomination (Election)
Primary Ballot Order
Election Ballot Order