

# State of Wisconsin\Government Accountability Board

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 6, 2016

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

**FROM:** Michael Haas  
Elections Division Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Statewide Spring Primary

The official certification of candidates for state offices will occur at the meeting of the Government Accountability Board next Tuesday, January 12, 2016. However, for your planning purposes, we want to let you know that three candidates appear to have submitted sufficient nomination papers to qualify for the ballot for the Office of Supreme Court Justice. This is based only on G.A.B. staff's review of nomination papers and not on any challenges that may be filed by the deadline of this Friday, but until further notice please plan that there will be a statewide primary contest regardless of whether any local contests will involve a primary election.

Pending any challenges, and assuming that several candidates file required Statements of Economic Interests by Friday, we also expect to have countywide primary elections for judicial offices in Iowa, Kewaunee, Portage, and Walworth Counties. You may view the filing status of all candidates who registered at the following link: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/2016/spring> and clicking on the "Candidates Registered" attachment.

The final column in the document indicates G.A.B. staff's recommendations regarding the candidate's qualifications for ballot access. The certification of candidates for the primary ballot will be posted following the meeting of the Government Accountability Board next Tuesday.

If you have any further questions regarding the above information or other issues that arise, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or [gabhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhelpdesk@wi.gov).