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SUBJECT: Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) Postcards Mailed

The Wisconsin Elections Commission recently mailed 1.24 million postcards to Wisconsin residents who were identified as being potentially eligible to vote but are not currently registered. These postcards were sent as part of Wisconsin's participation in ERIC, an inter-state voter registration data sharing consortium, which the Wisconsin Legislature directed Wisconsin to join as part of 2015 Wisconsin Act 261. As required by ERIC, postcards were mailed on Monday, September 26 through Wednesday September 28, 2016 and should be delivered by the end of this week.

The people who are receiving this postcard have driver licenses or state ID cards with the Wisconsin DOT that could not be matched to an active voter record in WisVote. The postcard directs the voter to go to myvote.wi.gov to check their registration status and start the registration process. The postcard also includes a toll-free number voters can call, which routes them to a call center set up by WEC specifically for the ERIC postcards. While WEC tried to direct voters to contact us, some voters may contact their municipal or county clerk in response to this postcard. The total count of postcards sent to each zip code and county is attached to this memo to help clerks identify how many postcards may have been sent to voters in your area.

Based on input from other ERIC states, we anticipated that some registered voters would receive the postcard. Particularly for voters who registered prior to 2006, their voter record may be missing driver license numbers or dates of birth, which were used to match DOT records with WisVote records. Without a driver license number, ERIC was still able to match many voters using the name, date of birth and address, so those voters would not get a postcard. However, if that data did not match, and we were not certain if the voter and the driver/ID card holder were the same person, the voter was sent a postcard just in case. We chose to be more inclusive, which is why the postcard indicates that the recipient may not be registered to vote.

If the voter is already registered at the name and address that is printed on the card, there is likely a discrepancy with the date of birth in WisVote versus at DOT. We recommend clerks verify the

date of birth in WisVote as well as the date of birth printed on the voter's driver license or ID card. Voters can also voluntarily provide the driver license number to help with matching in the future, but they are not required to if they registered prior to 2006. Clerks can update the date of birth and driver license number in WisVote without the voter having to re-register.

The ERIC postcard can be used as proof of residence when the voter registers, since it is a document that was issued by a unit of government, as long as it lists the voter's current name and home address. In WisVote, use the POR Type of "Other Government Document" and the POR Entity is Wisconsin Election Commission or WEC. It is not necessary to enter anything in the POR Account # field since there is no account or tracking number on the card.

WEC staff has many resources available for clerks regarding the ERIC postcards. WEC held a webinar on September 15, 2016. This webinar is available on the WEC website at <http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/4128>. WEC also posted a variety of information about the ERIC postcards with the webinar materials, which are available here: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/4092>. On September 26, the Commission also held a news conference and issued a press release, which you can find here: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/4173>. Finally, WEC staff is also working on a Frequently Asked Questions document for clerks that will be posted on the website by the end of this week.

We thank clerks for their continued patience during this busy election season. If you have any questions regarding the ERIC postcards, please contact the Elections Help Desk at elections@wi.gov or 608-261-2028.