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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Michael Haas, Elections Division Administrator  
Diane Lowe, Lead Elections Specialist

**DATE:** June 9, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Revision of Absentee Ballot Application

The Government Accountability Board is publishing a revised version of the Application for Absentee Ballot. The revised document is attached and is also posted under “Forms” on the G.A.B.’s website at <http://www.gab.wi.gov/forms>. Current stock of the previous version of the Application may still be used, but this memorandum outlines the minor changes that have been made to the Application.

1. A map of the State of Wisconsin has replaced the G.A.B. logo at the top of the form, and the application has been renumbered as EL-121 instead of GAB-121. With the transition to the Elections Commission effective June 30, 2016, all forms will eventually be renumbered with the “EL” prefix instead of “GAB.”
2. A box has been added at the top of the form for election officials to indicate the applicant’s ward, which was a change requested by clerks.
3. An exclamation signpost has been added to the Photo ID instructions at the top of the form and the instructions have been modified slightly to improve readability. The Photo ID instructions on page 2 have also been revised and separated so that they are more readable and complete, and include a list of acceptable forms of Photo ID.
4. A new statement has been inserted into Box 5 of the instructions on page 2, encouraging military and permanent overseas voters to include their mailing address on the form even if they are requesting that the ballot be transmitted electronically.

As stated above, current inventories of the Absentee Ballot Application may continue to be used. A fillable version of the form will be posted shortly as well as versions in the Spanish and Hmong languages.

If you have questions with respect to this memorandum, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or [gabhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhelpdesk@wi.gov).