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**DATE:** September 4, 2013

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

**FROM:** Michael Haas  
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**SUBJECT:** G.A.B. Testimony on Election Administration Bills

Director and General Counsel Kevin Kennedy testified today before the Senate Committee on Elections and Urban Affairs on several bills related to election administration issues: Senate Bills 20, 262, 264, 265, 267 and 268. For your information, Director Kennedy's prepared testimony is attached. His spoken testimony was more extemporaneous, and there was a good discussion with the committee members regarding election administration issues that are important to clerks. You may watch a recording of the hearing on Wisconsin Eye: <http://www.wiseye.org/Programming/VideoArchive/EventDetail.aspx?evhid=7959>

Director Kennedy's testimony discussed preliminary results of an online survey which the Elections Division is conducting of Wisconsin municipal clerks regarding their experiences with political parties nominating poll workers. While the proposed bills would not alter that nomination process, they would impact how clerks would be required to assign poll workers in some situations. As of this morning, more than 700 of the 1,852 municipal clerks have responded. While this is a good representation, we would like to make sure everyone's experiences are reflected in the final results. We will be keeping the survey open to give all clerks an opportunity to respond, and I would encourage you to take the quick survey. It contains a maximum of nine questions and should take you less than five minutes to complete.

You can access the survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MHQ65D6>.

Thank you.