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**TO:** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
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**SUBJECT:** Redistricting Clerk Teleconference Call and Webinar

To assist clerks with the Redistricting Initiative in SVRS and other recent changes, G.A.B. is offering clerks two upcoming sessions to ask questions and get information:

Teleconference for Municipal and County Clerks  
Redistricting Incidents: Discussion of G.A.B. Protocol for Assisting Clerk to Resolve Challenges  
**Thursday, March 1, 2012 - 1-3:00 p.m.**  
Phone Number: (888) 517-2485  
Passcode: 6253 501#

The **Teleconference for Municipal and County Clerks** will discuss the protocol that G.A.B. staff is using to assist clerks to resolve Redistricting incidents. Specifically, items to be covered on the teleconference include:

- The process and timeline that G.A.B. staff will use to assist clerks to resolve incidents related to Redistricting
- Upcoming forums, including webinars G.A.B. Staff will be holding to assist clerks with April Election readiness
- Other recent statutory and policy changes including Photo ID, Canvassing, Provisional Tracking, Felon Lists, etc.

Webinar for Municipal and County Clerks  
SVRS Redistricting: Lessons for Data Cleanup Experiences  
**Friday, March 2, 2012 - 10-11:30 a.m.**  
Web link: <https://www1.gotowebinar.com/register/960961769>

The **Webinar for SVRS Redistricting** will cover specific topics related to Redistricting that merit additional clarification, based on the experiences of and lessons learned from preparing for the February 21 Spring Primary:

- Review of Redistricting Phase I and II tasks

- Handling Boundary Exceptions, particularly Odd and Even addresses along a ward line
- Generating reports from SVRS to double-check that voters and addresses are assigned to the correct districts
- How Addresses were standardized in SVRS and what this means to Clerks

A Special Recognition, Appreciation and Thank-you to our Valued Partners and Customers:

Once again, we extend to you, our hardworking Municipal and County Clerks, our hearty thanks for your diligence and patience during these difficult times. This past year, we have all experienced the enactment of new state legislation affecting election administration and of course, redistricting, including Wisconsin 2011 Acts 23, 75, and 115. Several other Acts introduced a new way to implement the decennial redistricting, i.e. 2011 Acts 39, 43, and 44. Of course, this falls on the heels of relatively new federal legislation that has also impacted election procedures, namely the MOVE Act and the Help America Vote Act.

These fundamental changes have already caused, and will continue to cause, increased responsibilities for all of us. The significance of these legislative changes have strained your and our limited resources and resulted in more frequent communications from the G.A.B., revised or new procedures, revised forms, revised manuals, new training, teleconferences, and webinars in an effort to support all of us.

We all proudly share an honorable profession -- the administration of elections in a fair and transparent manner with the highest degree of great pride and integrity. The policy makers have spoken. We need to, and we will continue to work together as a committed and dedicated team to carry out our additional and new responsibilities in the same professional manner that we always have. We stand with you and continue to steadfastly honor our mission to support you.

If you have questions, please continue to report Redistricting issues on our Incident Website, <http://wisapps.wi.gov/sites/GAB/Incident/default.aspx>, or contact the Help Desk at [gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov), or 608-261-2028.

We look forward to you joining us on the teleconference call next Thursday, and we welcome your participation next in Friday's Webinar, March 1 and 2 respectively. Thank you.

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