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

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**SUBJECT:** Clerks No Longer Required to use SVRS Full Absentee Module for 2012 Elections

Clerks in self-providing municipalities are not required to use the Full Absentee module to track their absentee electors for the 2012 spring and fall elections. Effective today, this requirement is lifted until further notice.

Background: Last year, in order to ensure compliance with the Federal M.O.V.E. Act, we determined that all municipalities that use the Statewide Voter Registration System (i.e., self-providers) would begin using the system's Full Absentee Module by November 2011 to track absentee electors.

Throughout this year, the G.A.B and local clerk election officials have been heavily involved in the statewide recount, summer recall elections, redistricting, and the implementation of the new voter ID law. These priorities prevented clerks in self-providing municipalities from receiving the appropriate training in the Full Absentee functionality as anticipated.

Clerks in self-providing municipalities, therefore, are required only to continue to use the Absentee Lite module to track military and overseas absentee electors in SVRS. Non-military and overseas absentee electors can be tracked using any previous municipal clerk system or the Full Absentee module.

New SVRS Application training classes, including Absentee Process training, will be conducted in January through March 2012. Locations will be scheduled based on the results of a training survey that will be distributed to all county and municipal clerks later this fall. Clerks are encouraged to take Absentee Process training and use the Full Absentee module for the 2012 spring and fall elections, but are not required to do so at this time.

If you have questions, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at [GABHelpDesk@wi.gov](mailto:GABHelpDesk@wi.gov), or (608) 261-2028. Questions may also be addressed to Allison Coakley, our training coordinator, at [Allison.Coakley@wi.gov](mailto:Allison.Coakley@wi.gov), or at (608) 261-3033. Thank you.

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