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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: Wisconsin Act 326: Elected Officials as Election Inspectors

[Wisconsin Act 326](#) (Act 326) was enacted on April 16, 2018, making changes to statutes related to the standards for election inspectors in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 7. Pursuant to a long standing legal opinion from the Government Accountability Board and upheld by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, local elected officials have been prohibited from being appointed as election inspectors.

Under Act 326, the rules regarding this prohibition have been relaxed. Act 326 amends [Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 7.30\(2\)\(a\)](#) so that local elected officials are now allowed to be appointed as election inspectors without having to vacate the local public office. However, in first class cities, the prohibition remains in effect. Act 326 is effective as of April 18, 2018. On or after that date, clerks may appoint local elected officials as election inspectors at the beginning of a new term or to fill election inspector vacancies in the interim.