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Important Reminders for a Successful June 5, 2012 Recall Election

1. **One Vote Each Office Regardless of Partisan Affiliation.** For the June 5, 2012 Election, voters may select any candidate on the ballot regardless of partisan affiliation. For example, the voter may select a candidate for one party for the Office of Governor and then for the Office of Lieutenant Governor select a candidate of a different party.
2. **Electioneering and Observers at the polling place.** Voters should not wear campaign paraphernalia such as campaign/candidate buttons, shirts, hats, etc. inside the polling place. Those who wear campaign paraphernalia may be asked to cover it up or leave. For information on the conduct of election observers, please see the following link: <http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/education-training/election-observers>.
3. **Posting the Number of Provisional Ballots and Outstanding Absentee Ballots on the Internet.** Municipal clerks are required to provide public notice at least 24 hours before the election indicating where this information will be posted. Additionally, clerks must enter information into the Provisional Tracking System for any voter that was issued a provisional ballot on Election Day. If no provisional ballots were issued, clerks must also indicate that they had no provisional ballots in the Provisional Tracking System. For information on utilizing the Provisional Tracking System, please see the following communication: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/2311>

Additionally, the G.A.B. recommends entering the number of outstanding ballots in the Absentee Ballot Tracker on the Election Data website available at the following link: <http://electiondata.gab.wi.gov>. This is the same location where you enter provisional ballot information on election night. We understand that everyone posts the number of outstanding ballots to their website (or a website dedicated for this information), however as there will likely be a high interest in the number of outstanding absentee ballots following the election, having a central location to gather the number of outstanding absentee ballots will facilitate generating this information quickly.

4. **Photo ID Not Required for June 5, 2012 Recall Election.** The law is currently enjoined (on hold) as two lower court decisions stopping voter photo ID are being appealed. Although voters are not required to provide photo identification, voters must state their name and address and sign one copy of the Poll List, unless unable to do so due to a physical disability.

5. **Lessons Learned from Supreme Court Recount.** There were many lessons taken from the 2011 Supreme Court recount that may provide helpful reminders for the upcoming election. Please see the communication that was provided on July 20, 2011 at the following link: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/1976>
6. **Act 227- Changes to the Absentee Voting Process.** As a general rule, voters will not be able to vote on Election Day in the polling place if they already returned an absentee ballot to the clerk or placed an absentee ballot in the mail. This law makes significant changes to the election administration processes on Election Day for election inspectors. Please note there are a few exceptions to this law. For additional information on this new law, please see the following link: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/2335>
7. **Senate Districts- Split Municipalities.** The G.A.B. has identified 17 municipalities that are partially inside and partially outside of one or more Recall Senate Districts. In these municipalities, some voters will be able to vote in the State Senate recall elections, while others will only be eligible for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elections. If voters are unsure whether they should be voting in or out of the Recall Senate Districts, please refer to the address span reports and voter listing reports provided to these municipal clerks.
8. **Late-Arriving Absentee and Provisional Ballots.** 2011 Act 75 provides that absentee ballots may be counted if postmarked no later than Election Day and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday following the election. Additionally, 2011 Act 23 provides that voters who cast provisional ballots may provide whatever documentation is required no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

2011 Act 115 assigns the responsibility of processing and counting late-arriving absentee ballots and eligible provisional ballots to the Municipal Clerks, or Executive Directors, and the Municipal Board of Canvassers. For additional information on these processes, please see the following link: <http://gab.wi.gov/publications/manuals/late-arriving-absentee-provisional-ballots>
9. **Public Test of Voting Equipment and Retention Time Period for Memory Devices.** Make sure all your voting systems, including the accessible voting equipment, are programmed, tested and in working order **before** Election Day. Municipal clerks are required to test electronic voting equipment no earlier than ten days before an election. Municipal Clerks are required to provide a public notice 48 hours before the test. Memory devices must be retained and may not be cleared until at least 21 days after the recall election. For additional information on the retention requirements, please see the following communication: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/1126>
10. **Pre-registered voters are not required to provide proof of residence.** Voters appearing on the poll list should not be asked to provide proof of residence. Exception: the notation “POR required” appears next to the Voter’s name, indicating a first time Wisconsin voter who registered by mail and has not yet provided proof of residence.
11. **G.A.B. Extended Hours for June 5, 2012.** For information on the extended hours schedule, please see the following link: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/2370>.

12. **UPDATE: NO Registered Write-in Candidate.** There was a registered Republican write-in candidate for the office of Governor, but he has contacted G.A.B. staff to let us know he is no longer running. His name is Patrick J. O'Brien.

13. **Tracking Military electors in SVRS.** Municipal clerks are required to track absentee ballots that were issued to Military electors for all elections. Reliers must provide military voter information to Providers for entry into SVRS. Note: Permanent Overseas should not receive a ballot for the special recall elections as they are only eligible to vote for federal offices. Please see the following communication for information on tracking military electors:
http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/publication/69/absentee_lite_2010_new_20703.pdf

14. **Post-Election Activities - Recording GAB-190 Participation.** Post-election tasks are statutorily required to be completed within 30 days of the election. This includes completing your GAB-190, recording voter participation in SVRS and recording any Election Day registrations in SVRS. The GAB-190 is available at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-190-recall-election-2012>. For information on these tasks, please refer to the Post-Election Activities section of your SVRS Application Training Manual, available:
http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/publication/69/013_post_election_activities_may_2011_pdf_21247.pdf

Please contact the G.A.B. HelpDesk at gabhelpdesk@wi.gov or (608) 261-2028 if you have any questions. Thank you.