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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: List Maintenance for Persons Adjudicated Incompetent

Wisconsin Statutes § 6.03(1)(a) precludes from voting any person who is incapable of understanding the objective for the elective process or who is under guardianship, unless the court had determined that the person is competent to exercise the right to vote. On an ongoing basis, the Government Accountability Board receives individual case record copies of persons that have been deemed by the courts as not competent and therefore ineligible to vote. The Board also receives records of persons adjudicated incompetent who have subsequently had their right to vote restored by the courts.

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Boards general statutory authority and responsibility for voter list maintenance, the list of Persons Adjudicated Incompetent is being made directly available to Wisconsin Election Officials in an electronic form for the purpose of list maintenance at the local level. This list may be searched statewide by a single name or may produce a complete list for a county or a single municipality. It is available on the same CRM platform as the ineligible (Felon) voter list at <http://electiondata.gab.wi.gov>. Your SVRS logon and password are required to access this list. Instructions are posted there under the section "Persons Adjudicated Incompetent." When searching the list by "created from date" keep in mind that the majority of the records were moved from an access data base to CRM and will have a created on date of 3/9/2015. Records received after 3/9/2015 will have the actual date entered.

You should review this list periodically to determine if a person currently registered is ineligible to vote. If you discover a match between a person on the Persons Adjudicated Incompetent list and a registered voter in SVRS, mark the voter as "Inactive-Adjudicated S.6.03(1)(a)." The voter should be notified of his/her ineligibility. The sample letter attached to this communication may be used for this purpose. Individuals whose voter registration has been suspended must reregister should the court restore their right to vote.

Unlike the Ineligible Voter (felon) list, there is NO statutory requirement to have a Persons Adjudicated Incompetent list available during late registration or at the polls. This list is being made available for voter list maintenance only.

Clerks with questions may contact the G.A.B. HelpDesk at GABHelpDesk@wi.gov, or at (608) 261-2028.