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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Diane Lowe  
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**DATE:** January 9, 2018

**SUBJECT:** 2018 Spring Ballots

The following sample Spring Primary ballots have been posted to the WEC website at <http://elections.wi.gov/forms/ballots>.

### **Paper Hand-Count Ballots**

EL-208 (State and County)  
EL-212 (Cities)  
EL-214 (Villages)  
EL-216 (Towns, numbered seats)  
EL-217 (Towns, unnumbered seats)  
EL-220 (Sanitary District)  
EL-228 (Referendum)  
EL-229 (Reverse side of paper ballot)  
EL-230 (Multi-jurisdictional Judge)

### **Optical Scan Ballots**

EL-208mtn (Towns, numbered seats) Arrows\*\*  
EL-208mtn (Towns, numbered seats) Ovals\*\*  
EL-208mtu (Towns, unnumbered seats) Arrows\*\*  
EL-208mtu (Towns, unnumbered seats) Ovals  
EL-208mv (Villages) Arrows\*  
EL-208mv (Villages) Ovals\*  
EL-208mc (Cities) Arrows  
EL-208mc (Cities) Ovals

The following sample Spring Election ballots have been posted to the WEC website at <http://elections.wi.gov/forms/ballots>.

### **Paper Hand-Count Ballots**

EL-209 (State and County)  
EL-213 (Cities)  
EL-215 (Villages)  
EL-218 (Towns, numbered seats)  
EL-219 (Towns, unnumbered seats)  
EL-221 (Sanitary District)  
EL-228 (Referendum)  
EL-229 (Reverse side of paper ballot)  
EL-231 (Multi-jurisdictional Judge)

### **Optical Scan Ballots**

EL-209mtn (Towns, numbered seats) Arrows\*\*  
EL-209mtn (Towns, numbered seats) Ovals\*\*  
EL-209mtu (Towns, unnumbered seats) Arrows\*\*  
EL-209mtu (Towns, unnumbered seats) Ovals  
EL-209mv (Villages) Arrows\*  
EL-209mv (Villages) Ovals\*  
EL-209mc (Cities) Arrows  
EL-209mc (Cities) Ovals

- \* For placement of the office of Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge on an optical scan or consolidated ballot, see either the Arrow or Oval EL-208mv ballot.
- \*\* For placement of the office of Sanitary District Commissioner on an optical scan or consolidated ballot, see either the Arrow or Oval EL-208mtu ballot or EL-208mtn ballot.

The primary sample ballots should be modified so that any office that does not require a primary is eliminated from the primary ballot. The election sample ballots should be modified to remove any offices that are not applicable.

### Commission Ballot Approval and Recommendation for Spring Ballots

At its December 12, 2017 meeting, the Wisconsin Elections Commission approved the general format of ballots for the Spring Primary and Spring Election. The Commissioners recommended no modifications.

### Ballot Review

County Clerks are required to submit ballot proofs for review by WEC staff. Ballots may be faxed to 608-267-0500 or emailed to the Help Desk at [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov). When submitting ballot proofs for approval, please submit only one representative sample of your ballot format. Staff will review the format of the ballot (basic design, categories, office titles, number of candidates and write-in lines and instructions). Staff will look over state candidate names, but you are responsible for confirming the spelling and format of the names of state candidates by proofing your ballots against the posted Candidates on Ballot document.

Upon receipt of your ballot critique, you may proceed with printing after making any corrections or modifications identified by WEC staff. Please do not continue to send proofs until you get a “perfect score.” You will have documentation of the modifications we recommended.

### Statewide Referendum

There will be a constitutional amendment on the April 3, 2018 election ballot. The Certification of Referendum Question was posted on the Clerk Communication page on July 10, 2017. Don't forget to add the referendum to your election ballot. The question must appear exactly as it appears on the certification.

If you have questions, or if staff can be of assistance, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov).

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