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MEMORANDUM

TO: All County Clerks and the Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Diane Lowe, Elections Specialist
Government Accountability Board

DATE: November 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Type A Notice of 2011 Spring Election and Other Information

This memo contains information about the Type A Notice of the 2011 Spring Election, the notification of noncandidacy deadline, and write-in absentee ballots for the Spring Election. I have also included a "Reminders for Municipal Clerks" memo that contains valuable planning information for the Spring Election.

TYPE A. NOTICE OF 2011 OF SPRING ELECTION

The Type A notice of the Spring Election to be held on **April 5, 2011**, contains all judicial offices to be elected throughout the state, including the statewide office of Justice of the Supreme Court. *All counties notice the office of Justice of the Supreme Court.* Please select the other judicial offices that are up for election in your county, and add any county offices, multi-jurisdictional municipal judges and/or referenda. The Type A Notice of the 2011 Spring Election must be published by all county clerks on November 23, 2010. Whenever a weekly newspaper is used for publication, the notices appear in the newspaper's closest preceding issue.

Please send a copy of the Type A Notice to each municipal clerk. **Municipal clerks are required to publish a Type A notice of municipal offices and/or referenda on the same date, November 23, 2011.**

Note: If a Circuit Court Judge or Court of Appeals Judge resigns on or before December 1, 2010, that office will be up for election at the 2011 Spring Election. If a vacancy occurs during this period, we will contact the affected county clerks with an amended Type A Notice.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE/SUPERVISOR TERM EXPIRATION DATES

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The expiration date of the term for the office of County Executive is April 18, 2011. County Executives take office on the third Tuesday in April, which is April 19, 2011.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

The expiration date of the term for the office of County Supervisor is April 18, 2011. County Supervisors take office on the third Tuesday in April, which is April 19, 2011.

The statutes do not definitely provide when these terms officially end. They simply state when the term begins. If, due to your county's procedures, you are more comfortable with the expiration date of the term being the same as the date the new term begins, you may use that date.

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AT 2011 SPRING ELECTION

Justice of the Supreme Court – This office appears on the judicial ballot in all counties.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 3 - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas and Washburn.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4 - Court of Appeals Judge, District IV - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood.

Circuit Court Judge - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Columbia, Dane, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green Lake, Iron, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Milwaukee, Oconto, Outagamie, Portage, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MILITARY* ELECTORS

Military electors that have an application on file should be sent write-in ballots as soon as the offices up for election are known (issuance of the Type A Notice), and no later than the 90th day before any primary or election.

90 days before the February primary is November 17, 2010.

90 days before the April election is January 5, 2011.

Military electors who request a ballot after the 90th day before the primary or election, but before the time that official ballots are ready, are also sent write-in ballots.

Remember: With one request, military electors receive ballots automatically for every election and are entitled to vote for all offices up for election. When the official ballots are printed, military electors who previously received a write-in ballot are sent an official ballot.

***There are no federal offices on the ballot this spring. Therefore, overseas electors are not entitled to receive any ballots for the spring primary or election.** Overseas electors will again receive ballots (for federal offices only) in 2012.

The following link provides access to the spring write-in ballots to be used for the Spring Primary and the Spring Election. The write-in ballots are located at the end of the ballot list; GAB-232 thru GAB-240. <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/ballots>. The ballots may also be accessed by logging onto the Government Accountability Board's website at <http://elections.wi.gov>, and clicking on "Forms" and then "Ballots."

Please either provide these ballots to your municipal clerks (or direct them to the website) along with the Type A Notice.

- When preparing write-in absentee ballots, only offices to be voted for at the Spring Primary or Election should be listed on the ballot.
- All write-in absentee ballots must be printed with the proper endorsement on the back of the ballot (GAB-240).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please share this information with your municipal clerks.

State Referendum Questions – At this time, there are no state referendum questions or constitutional amendments for the April 5, 2011 Spring Election. However, the legislature has until February 22, 2011, to direct that a referendum question be placed on the ballot, so the possibility still looms. §8.37, Wis. Stats. We will monitor the activity of the legislature and keep you informed.

Deadline for Notification of Noncandidacy (GAB-163) - The deadline for filing the notification of noncandidacy for the 2011 Spring Election is Friday, December 24, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. If your office is closed on that day due to the holiday, the deadline is at 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. This applies to state, county, municipal, and school district filing offices.



If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 and ask for an Elections Specialist, or email your questions to gab@wi.gov.

Attachments: Type A Notice of Spring Election
“Reminders for Municipal Clerks”