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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Diane Lowe, Elections Specialist
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DATE: October 30, 2014

SUBJECT: **Amended** Type A Notice of 2015 Spring Election and Other Information

This memo contains information about the Type A Notice of the 2015 Spring Election and the notification of noncandidacy deadline. Also included is a "Reminders for Municipal Clerks" memo that contains valuable planning information for the Spring Election.

TYPE A NOTICE OF 2015 SPRING ELECTION

The Type A Notice of the Spring Election to be held on **April 7, 2015**, 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 2015 Spring Election must be published by all county clerks on November 25, 2014. 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 on the same date, November 25, 2015.**

Note: If a Circuit Court Judge or Court of Appeals Judge resigns on or before December 1, 2014, that office will be up for election at the 2015 Spring Election. If a vacancy occurs during this period, we will contact the affected county clerks with an amended Type A Notice. Currently we are aware of the following changes in circuit court positions:

- **La Crosse, Branch 5** will be added to list on November 22, 2014 (Judge Pasell is retiring)
- **Langlade** will be added to the list on November 29, 2014 (Judge Kawalski is retiring)
- **Outagamie, Branch 6:** Currently vacant. Vince Biskupic will be listed as officeholder as of November 3, 2014

EXPLANATION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE/SUPERVISOR TERM EXPIRATION DATES

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The expiration date of the term for the office of County Executive is April 20, 2015. County Executives take office on the third Tuesday in April, which is April 21, 2015.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

The expiration date of the term for the office of County Supervisor is April 20, 2015. County Supervisors take office on the third Tuesday in April, which is April 21, 2015.

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 2015 SPRING ELECTION

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

Court of Appeals, District 1 - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the county of Milwaukee.

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.

Circuit Court Judge - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Adams, Bayfield, Brown, Burnett, Chippewa, Columbia, Dane, Douglas, Dunn, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Jackson, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Marathon, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Walworth, Washburn, Waukesha, and Wood.

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 7, 2015 Spring Election. However, the legislature has until January 27, 2015, to direct that a referendum question be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.37. We will monitor the activity of the legislature and keep you informed.

Deadline for Notification of Noncandidacy (EB-163) - The filing officer must receive an incumbent's Notification of Noncandidacy by December 26, 2014 in order to avoid extending the nomination paper filing deadline by 72 hours for any other potential candidates. However, pursuant to Section GAB 6.04, Wis. Adm. Code, the Notification of Noncandidacy may be filed by fax or email provided that the original document is either received by the filing officer or postmarked by the filing deadline, December 26, 2014. The extension does not apply to the incumbent. The G.A.B. recommends that filing officers reach out to all incumbent office holders early in an effort to avoid potential filing issues during the holiday season. This applies to state, county, municipal, and school district filing offices.

Spring Primary and Election Ballots – Ballots will be posted to the website soon.



If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the HelpDesk at 608-261-2028 or gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov.

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