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MEMORANDUM

TO: All County Clerks and the Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Diane Lowe, Lead Elections Specialist
Government Accountability Board.

DATE: January 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Certification of Candidates for the 2015 Spring Primary and Special Partisan Primary
Certification of Candidates for the 2015 Spring Election

The Spring Primary and Special Partisan Primary for Senate District 20 will be held on February 17, 2015, and the Spring Election and Partisan Election for Senate District 20 will be held on April 7, 2015. Accompanying this memo is the primary certification of candidates for judicial office in the counties where a primary is required and for the partisan primary in affected counties. Also, included is the election certification of candidates for judicial offices in counties where a primary is not required. Candidates on Ballot reports for the spring primary and special primary, and spring election may be located on the G.A.B. website as attachments here: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/2015/spring>. **Please use the Candidates on Ballot lists, not the Candidates Registered list.**

Certification of Candidates for Spring Primary

Certificates of Nomination for the February 17, 2015 Spring Primary accompany this memo for the four counties requiring a primary. The following counties are required to hold a judicial primary for **Circuit Court Judge**: Jackson, La Crosse, Lafayette and Sheboygan.

Certification of Candidates for Spring Election

Certificates of Nomination for the April 7, 2015 Spring Election accompany this memo for counties where the judicial offices do not require a primary.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 1 – This office will appear on the judicial ballot in Milwaukee County.

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, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, 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, Jefferson, Kenosha, Langlade, Marathon, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Walworth, Washburn, Waukesha, and Wood.

Counties with a Primary will receive an amended election certificate of nomination following the primary canvass.

Certification of Candidates for Special Partisan Primary in State Senate District 20

Calumet, Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Washington Counties will conduct a special partisan primary for the office of State Senator, District 20 on February 17, 2015. Certificates of Nomination for the special partisan primary accompany this memo. The candidates for the special partisan primary are located on the Candidates on Ballot for Spring and Special Primary report. <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/2015/spring>

Type B Notice

Sample Type B Notices for the Spring Primary and Spring Election have been posted to the website under Clerks/Election Notices. <http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/notices> (the first two notices under “Type B Notice.”) The counties in State Senate District 20 may use the combination Spring Primary/Partisan Primary and Spring Election/Partisan Election notices attached. Please review the sample notices and delete any paragraphs that do not apply to your county. The Type B Notice for the spring primary, including the sample ballots, must be published the day before the primary, Monday, February 16, 2015. The Type B Notice for the spring election, including the sample ballots, must be published the day before the spring election, Monday, April 6, 2015.

If no daily newspaper is published in the county, the notice must be published in the closest issue preceding the election. You may choose to publish the Type B Notice on Saturday or Sunday preceding the election if you determine that more effective notice will be given.

County clerks must provide a copy of the Type B Notice to each municipal clerk within the county. Municipal clerks are required to post a copy of the Information to Electors from the Type B notice and two samples of each ballot at each polling place on Primary and Election Days.

Sample Ballots

Sample paper and optical scan ballots for the Spring Primary and Spring Election can be found on the G.A.B. website. <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/ballots> The primary ballot series is GAB-208 and the election series is GAB-209. The samples should be modified so that any office not requiring a primary is eliminated from the primary ballot (GAB-208). Any office not up for election should be eliminated from the body of the election ballot (GAB-209). Each sample optical scan ballot is available in both “arrow” and “oval” format. Sample Election Ballots (GAB-209) will be posted to the website by the end of the day.

You will notice that the “arrow” ballots show the “Notice to voters” within the framework of the ballot. The “oval” ballots show it above the framework. The ballot can be constructed in either manner.

Placement of the Office of Multi-jurisdictional Municipal Judge: For optical scan or consolidated ballots, placement and format of the office of municipal judge serving more than one municipality (also called multi-jurisdictional municipal judge) can be found on:

Primary Ballots: GAB-208mv-Oval and Arrow
Election Ballots: GAB-209mv-Arrow and Oval

Senate District 20 Counties: Sample primary ballots that include the State Senate Special Primary are attached. The ballots provided earlier included the Libertarian and Green Parties. Neither party petitioned for

ballot status by January 6. Currently the Wisconsin ballot status parties are Republican, Democratic and Constitution Parties.

Ballot Review

You are required to send a copy of your ballot containing state offices to the Government Accountability Board for approval. Please send only one representative sample. DO NOT send all ballot styles. You may either fax your ballot to 608-267-0500 or email it to gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov. Please make sure that you proof your ballots again after receiving your ballots from your printer.

Canvass Reporting

Please note that your primary canvass summary statement is to be sent electronically to wired@seb.state.wi.us or faxed to 608-267-0500, as soon as possible after you complete your canvass, but **no later than February 26, 2015**. Your original canvass signed by the Board of Canvassers must be delivered to the G.A.B. as soon as possible.

Spring election canvasses are to be sent electronically to wired@seb.state.wi.us or faxed to 608-267-0500, as soon as possible after you complete your canvass, but **no later than April 17, 2015**.

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

Attachments: Primary Certification
Election Certification
Senate 20 Special Primary Certification
Type B Notices for Counties in State Senate 20
Primary Ballots for Counties in State Senate 20