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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: 2010 Census Secondary Language Requirements Data Delayed
(Until late September or first week of October 2011)

The Government Accountability Board has been informed by the U. S. Census Redistricting Data Office that the Secondary Language Requirements deadline for election related information may be delayed until late September or the first week of October of this year. Initially, we were informed that municipalities would be notified (if required) by mid-August.

Background: Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 may require some municipalities to implement Secondary Language changes for voting purposes. The secondary languages most likely to be required would be either Spanish or Hmong. This information comes from the 2010 Census data. The official website for information about national redistricting information is <http://www.census.gov/rdo/>. A notice concerning this delay and updated information about when this data will be available may be found at this Census site. The notice to the public when this information is available will be made in the [Federal Register](#).

We will continue working with the U. S. Census Redistricting Data Office to provide additional information to Wisconsin municipalities especially those that will be impacted by the Secondary Language Requirements.

If you have questions, please contact the G.A.B helpdesk at (608) 261-2028 or GABHelpDesk@wi.gov. Thank you.

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