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**TO:** Wisconsin County Clerks  
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Milwaukee County Election Commission

**FROM:** Michael Haas, Elections Division Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** WisVote Live Update #7

## Recent Updates to WisVote

On the evening of Thursday, June 2 updates were made to the WisVote system. This update contained several minor system modifications with a few noticeable updates to improve the functionality of WisVote.

- New tiles have been added for WEDC and Canvass that link users directly from WisVote to the WEDC and Canvass environments.
- Updates were made to the address search to improve performance.
  - When searching for a specific unit, you no longer need to enter the unit type, you can simply search by the unit number and the system will find the address regardless of the unit type.
  - Street directions such as N, S, E and W were causing the address search to slow down. This has been fixed.
- For future elections, the functionality to enter absentee application and ballot data will be inactivated in WisVote 20 days after Election Day. This time limit is required to prevent interference with the issuing of absentee ballots for the following election. Please note that new legislation requires the tracking of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots in WisVote within 48 hours of the application being received or the ballot being issued or returned. Providers have an additional 24 hours from the time such data is received to enter it into WisVote.

## Inactive Addresses

Over the next few weeks, GAB staff will be working to update and re-activate inactive address records in WisVote. Given the large number of inactive addresses and the significant variance in data quality of inactive address records, GAB staff will be working to update inactive addresses in a series of batches.

The first batch consisting of approximately 10,000 address records will be reactivated by next week. This batch will consist of addresses that have pins that have previously been reviewed and confirmed by clerks. These addresses will be assigned to district combos based on the current pin location in WisVote that was confirmed by the clerk, and will be reactivated.

Subsequent batches will include inactive addresses that need to be re-validated in order to obtain an accurate pin and district combo. These addresses may require some additional processing and review before they can be reactivated.

We will continue to communicate with clerks as this process progresses.

### **Pre-Election Preparation**

In anticipation for the August Primary election, we recommend reviewing address data quality along with your other pre-election tasks. Please review the following:

- Addresses Missing DC
- Geocode Exceptions
- Boundary Exceptions
- Geocode Warnings

Please also review WisVote Election Checklist I for the 2016 Partisan Primary Election, available on the Recent Clerk Communications page at <http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/3943>. Please remember that candidates should be entered under the 2016 General Election, not under the Partisan Primary. All candidates that were approved for ballot access need to be entered and marked as Approved. Once this is complete, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk to have the approved candidates moved to the Partisan Primary. Do NOT check the Candidates Complete checkpoint under the Partisan Primary until your candidates have been moved over to the Partisan Primary.

### **MyVote 2.0**

MyVote 2.0 is set to be released on June 20, 2016. MyVote 2.0 impacts WisVote in many very important ways, including restoring the Click and Mail feature that allows voters to fill out a voter registration form on MyVote that can then be printed and delivered to the clerk, as well as allowing all registered voters to request absentee ballots on MyVote and not just military and overseas voters. Please take a look at the recent clerk communication regarding this update.

<http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/3948>

If you have questions with respect to this memorandum, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or [gabhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhelpdesk@wi.gov).