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**TO:** Wisconsin County Clerks  
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**SUBJECT:** WisVote Live Update #9

## Recent Updates to WisVote

On the evening of Thursday, June 30 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.

- **Voter registration search order:** the name fields on the GAB-131 and EDR Search pages were re-ordered to match the paper form. The fields now appear as Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and Date of Birth.
- The new **EDR – Wrong Jurisdiction** view has been added to the Voter Snapshot page.
- A new **Save and New** button was added to the **Absentee Application** screen so that users can save an absentee application and immediately enter another one.
- In **Record Returned Mailings** the grid that displays the ballots that have been scanned now sorts with the most recent ballot at the top.
- **DMV Checks** were having problems matching voter names with hyphens and apostrophes even if DMV had a hyphen or apostrophe on the license. The matching has now been corrected so that it will match or not based on how DMV has the name on the license.
- **In Person Absentee Dymo Labels** were being printed with an additional blank label. This issue was corrected a little after 1 p.m. on Monday, July 25.

## Active Addresses Missing District Combo

WisVote staff found over 13,000 active addresses in WisVote with no district combo assigned. The majority of these addresses appear to have been reactivated by municipal clerks or their staff, but the person reactivating the address did NOT assign a district combo, as instructed. Many of these were done in large batches where the user selected

all records on the page and just hit Activate, without reviewing the address quality. Over 700 of these addresses have active voters assigned to them, meaning those voters would NOT appear on poll books. If any of the remaining addresses got assigned to voters in the future, those voters would not appear on the poll book. If any of these addresses are searched on MyVote, the system would not be able to display a polling place or a sample ballot.

Due to the volume of these addresses and the importance of voters being able look up information on MyVote, WisVote staff identified all of these addresses that had a green pin and an assigned district combo based on the pin location. This update was performed on Monday, July 25.

WisVote staff will be following up with clerks who still have active addresses remaining with no district combo. To see if you have any active addresses missing a district combo, go to the Addresses tile and change your view from *My Addresses* to *My Addresses Missing DC*.

### **Inactive Addresses**

Approximately 300,000 addresses have been re-activated in WisVote at this time. There are still about 100,000 inactive address records in WisVote but the quality of the data is questionable and they were therefore not reactivated. Clerks are encouraged to review their inactive addresses that remain. If they can be corrected and reactivated, clerks can do so. Some of the remaining inactive addresses are incomplete or duplicates of existing addresses. These likely will need to remain inactive.

### **Duplicate Registration List Alerts**

Due to an old bug in SVRS, over 100,000 registration list alerts were migrated to WisVote that were duplicates of existing matches. These extra alerts do not need to be reviewed as they are all duplicates of other alerts that were already created. These extra alerts were deleted by WisVote staff last week. Some clerks will now see many fewer Registration List Alerts than they previously had.

### **MyVote/WisVote Link**

This is a reminder that the myvote.wi.gov website that voters use to find their information retrieves all of its data from the WisVote system. If information is entered incorrectly into the WisVote system it will display incorrectly on the MyVote website. For example, if polling place or sample ballot information has not been finalized in WisVote, then the voters will see inaccurate information on MyVote. Voters can also track their absentee ballot status in using MyVote. Please be sure that all absentee ballot records are up-to-date in WisVote to ensure that voters see correct information.