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

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**SUBJECT:** WisVote Update #8

This is the eighth in a series of clerk communications to keep Wisconsin Election Officials informed about WisVote, the modernized SVRS. WisVote will be live on Monday, January 11, 2016.

## **SVRS is now “Read-Only”**

In order to transfer data and technology infrastructure, SVRS will be changed to “Read-Only” on December 31. Users will not be able to enter new data into SVRS after December 30. Any new registrations or absentee applications you receive should be entered into WisVote beginning January 11. You will still have the ability to review and research specific information in SVRS as well as generate most reports.

Candidate information will not be transferred from SVRS to WisVote. If you use SVRS to track ballot access for candidates for the Spring Election, please contact the Help Desk at [gabhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhelpdesk@wi.gov).

## **MyVote is “Read-Only” until January 11**

MyVote Wisconsin ([myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)) will be “Read-Only” during the transition period between December 31 and January 11. This is necessary to configure MyVote functionalities directly from WisVote instead of from SVRS. Basic search tools such as voter search and polling place lookup will be available, but Military and Permanently Overseas voters will not be able to make any updates to their records.

During the two-week transition period, MyVote will have a fillable absentee request form available for Military and Permanently Overseas voters who want to make a calendar-year absentee request.

The registration function in MyVote, also known as “Click & Mail,” will be disabled as of December 31. This interruption is only temporary, and the function will return in July 2016 when MyVote 2.0 redevelopment is complete. During the redevelopment, there will be a

fillable voter registration form that voters can fill out, print, and mail to their clerk, along with their Proof of Residence document. Forms will need to be manually entered into WisVote and there will not be a “pending” status until MyVote 2.0 is complete in July 2016. MyVote 2.0 is a separate IT project that is focusing on making MyVote more intuitive and user friendly. MyVote 2.0 is unrelated to WisVote development.

## **Learning Center and WisVote Manual**

The WisVote Learning Center is available for clerks to familiarize themselves with WisVote and the training materials. The WisVote Learning Center is an online platform that consists of interactive tutorials, section demonstration overviews, and the WisVote User Manual. The Learning Center allows clerks and other election staff to complete training on their own time and can be used as a reference at any point during the election process. The complete version of the WisVote User Manual will be available on the Learning Center and the GAB website on January 6.

WisVote Learning Center: <http://www.electiontraining.gab.wi.gov/>

Username: *Your SVRS username*

Password: *Wisvote1*

## **Training Updates**

As we transition to the new WisVote system, we are also moving to an online training and certification program, instead of solely the traditional two day in-person training. Any new users that would like to be certified to use WisVote will now be able to follow an online curriculum.

We have developed three tracks for certification in the new WisVote system for current SVRS users and new WisVote users:

- **Current SVRS users:** The online WisVote Learning Center, now available for all current SVRS users, allows users to complete their training conveniently online. Current SVRS users will automatically receive access to their data in WisVote when the new system is rolled out on January 11, 2016. A new user agreement or other documentation is not required. This includes current users who perform data entry functions in SVRS.
- **New WisVote users** (clerks and staff who have never taken SVRS training or have a data entry role in SVRS but intend to perform additional tasks in WisVote):
  - **Option 1:** Two in-person WisVote training classes will be conducted at the G.A.B. office in Madison. Each class is two days in length and is limited to new users seeking complete certification in the WisVote system who have never taken SVRS training. The classes are limited to one user per jurisdiction as space permits. <http://www.gab.wi.gov/clerks/education-training/schedule>.
  - **Option 2:** Online training may be taken in lieu of attending the in-person training class for complete certification in the WisVote system. New data entry staff will have the opportunity to take online training certification at their convenience. Additional documentation certifying completion will be required. More information will be available in our January 8, 2016 WisVote Update.

## **Election Set-up Checklist**

The 2016 Spring Primary Election Checklist I: Pre-Election Tasks is included in this update. The checklist outlines election set-up tasks that should be completed once you are able to access WisVote on January 11. This checklist will assist in your preparation for the Spring Primary election on February 16 and has been provided in previous WisVote Update communications.

## **Licenses**

WisVote differs from SVRS in that it utilizes Device Client Access License (CAL) rather than the security certificate associated with the Citrix platform. The CALs are based on the device used, rather than the user.

When WisVote is launched in January, each current SVRS user will be assigned a CAL automatically; there is no additional work or notification that a current SVRS user will need to do in order to access WisVote. That CAL can only be associated with a single computer. To minimize cost, we ask that users use one computer to access and work in WisVote.

An equitable policy regarding users who wish to obtain licenses for more than one computer (such as for office and home workstations) is being developed. Contact the Help Desk at [gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov) if you are interested in obtaining more than one CAL.