

## **MyVote 1.8 Release**

Below are the key updates to MyVote.Wisconsin.gov (MyVote) that were deployed on the night of Thursday, June 12, 2014. The updates to MyVote were primarily centered on accommodating the legislation requiring Proof of Residence (POR) for all voter registrations and to make sure that the military/permanent overseas Partisan Primary ballot and sample ballot are working properly. Some other minor glitches have also been addressed.

Clerk and voter feedback remain vital to the betterment of MyVote Wisconsin. After reviewing this document or working in the updated MyVote.wi.gov, if you have questions, please call the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028.

### **Proof of Residence Changes**

Per the recent legislation requiring all regular Wisconsin voters to provide a Proof of Residence document, regardless of the timeframe or means of registration, the G.A.B. needed to update MyVote to reflect these changes. You will see POR related changes in the following areas of MyVote:

- *Click and Mail, online facilitated voter registration.* We updated the instructions within the “Register to Vote” feature of MyVote.wi.gov to highlight that POR is always needed when registering. You will now see some red language throughout the Click and Mail application that reminds voters they will need to provide POR. We have also updated the GAB-131 form that is generated from MyVote to include the “POR Issuing Entity” field. Just like the regular GAB-131, this field is for official clerk use and should be completed when you receive a voter’s application and acceptable POR. In addition, we have updated that instruction pages generated by Click and Mail to include a reminder that voters must include a POR document with their registration.
- *Information on Voting.* The “Information on Voting” section of the MyVote website has been updated to include the most recent rules regarding POR.

### **Partisan Primary Ballot and Sample Ballot**

The August 2014 Partisan Primary will be the first primary election since the creation of MyVote. As the design of a primary ballot is very different than the design for a general election, we needed to make a number of changes to the way that electronic ballots are displayed for military and permanent overseas voters.

Among the more significant changes, when military or permanent overseas voters accesses their primary ballot through MyVote, they will need to pick one party whose primary they wish to vote in. Voters will not be able to make any candidate selections until they first choose a party (see Exhibit 1). Any referendum questions or special non-partisan contests will appear at the bottom of each ballot, regardless of the party the voter chooses.

In addition to the changes to the military/permanent overseas ballot, we also made some changes to the way that the primary sample ballot will appear for all MyVote users. The primary sample ballot now displays as a long running list of candidates, ordered in groupings by party. We thought that this design most closely resembled the actual ballot.