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State of Wisconsin Conducts Voter Record Maintenance

MADISON, WI – The Government Accountability Board’s Elections Division is mailing postcards today to approximately 240,000 Wisconsin registered voters who have not voted in the past four years.

Kevin J. Kennedy, director and general counsel of the G.A.B., said agency is conducting the four-year voter record maintenance process, as required by state law. “This is an official mailing, and voters can be assured it is not a scam or identity theft scheme,” Kennedy said.

The postcard is titled “Notice of Suspension,” and asks voters if they wish to remain active in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). Voters have one month to contact their municipal clerk with a return postcard to maintain their active status on the voter list. Voters who do not respond to the postcard, or whose postcard is returned as undeliverable by the Post Office, will be marked as inactive on the voter list.

Voters who have changed their names or addresses should not return the card, but instead re-register under their new name or at their new address.

“This mailing is not designed to keep any active voter’s name off the poll list,” said Elections Division Administrator Nat Robinson. “Rather, its purpose is to help Wisconsin maintain accurate and quality voter data, and make sure every voter’s name and address is correct and current.”

Voters who receive the card but believe they have voted in Wisconsin in the past four years should contact their local municipal clerk. A directory of municipal clerks is available on the Board’s website: <http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/directory>. More information about the process is posted to the Board’s website.

Voters can also use the Wisconsin’s Voter Public Access website at <http://vpa.wi.gov> to check their registration status and voting history. Local election officials – usually the municipal clerk – are responsible for recording whether someone voted in an election.

NOTE TO EDITORS: A JPEG image of a sample Election Mail postcard is attached. Your publication of the sample postcard will help assure voters it is not a scam.

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