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County Canvass Reports Completed for Supreme Court

MADISON, WI – With the submission of the Milwaukee County canvass report, the Government Accountability Board has received the results of the Supreme Court election as certified by all 72 Wisconsin counties.

The results as certified by each county indicate that David T. Prosser received 752,323 votes and Joanne F. Kloppenburg received 745,007 votes.

Pursuant to law, the Board may not certify the official statewide results at this time. By law the Board may not certify statewide results until either the passage of the deadline for filing a recount or the completion of a recount. The deadline for filing a recount request is Wednesday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m.

The difference of 7,316 votes represents a margin of 0.488%. State law provides that a recount petition involving a margin of 0.5% or less does not require a filing fee. A request for a partial or full recount of the 2011 election for Supreme Court Justice is within that margin and would not require a filing fee. If the difference were more than 0.5% but less than 2%, the petitioning candidate would be required to pay a fee of \$5 per ward involved in the recount. There are 6,906 voting wards in the state.

Kevin J. Kennedy, director and general counsel of the Government Accountability Board, stated “We appreciate the diligent and meticulous work of municipal and county election officials in completing their official canvass reports. Close elections always bring greater scrutiny of each step of the process, and local election officials have performed professionally and efficiently during the official canvass. We will continue to review the canvass reports and certify the official statewide results when that review is complete and when we know whether a recount is requested. That decision is now in the hands of the candidates.”

The public can view a summary of the canvass reports certified by Wisconsin counties, as well as the report of each individual county, at <http://gab.wi.gov/April5SupremeCourt>.

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