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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candidates in the 20th State Senate District Special Election

FROM: Richard Bohringer
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DATE: December 16, 2014

SUBJECT: Special Election – Ballot Access and Campaign Finance Filing Deadlines

On December 16, 2014, the Governor issued an executive order calling a special election for the 20th State Senate District. The order was filed in the offices of the Government Accountability Board on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. The election will be held on April 7, 2015, and a primary election if necessary would be February 17, 2015.

This memo contains information on deadlines associated with the special election. Forms may be found on the Government Accountability Board website at <http://gab.wi.gov> or by contacting the Government Accountability Board office. If you have any questions about this information, please contact our office at 608-261-2028.

Campaign Registration Statement

All candidates are required to register their campaign committee (file a campaign registration statement, GAB-1) with the Government Accountability Board as soon as they form the intent to become a candidate and before any funds are collected or spent. §§11.05(2g), 11.10(1), Wis. Stats. New candidates may register their campaign committee on-line at <http://cfis.wi.gov/Public/Registration.aspx?page=Candidate> no later than **5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2015**. *New Candidates*, in addition to registering on-line, must print, sign and mail the registration form to the Government Accountability Board, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984

A current campaign registration statement can be amended on line at <http://cfis.wi.gov/> by logging on and then by indicating the office sought and the special election dates. (No hard copy is required.)

All candidates should register or amend their registration using the link above **before** circulating nomination papers. ***If the registration statement is not filed by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, the candidate's name may not be placed on the ballot.***

Declaration of Candidacy

Candidates must complete and submit a Declaration of Candidacy (GAB-162) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. This form must be filed with the Government Accountability Board on time or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

Nomination Papers

The first day to circulate nomination papers (GAB-168) for the special election is December 16, 2014, the day the order was filed in the offices of the Government Accountability Board. The last day to circulate nomination papers is January 6, 2015. ***Nomination papers must be submitted to the Government Accountability Board by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.*** Candidates must submit at least the following number of signatures depending on the office sought:

Office	Minimum # signatures	Maximum # signatures
State Senate	400	800

Statement of Economic Interests

All candidates are required to file a ***Statement of Economic Interests (SEI)*** with the Government Accountability Board, Ethics and Accountability Division. The SEI must be received in the G.A.B. office no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015**. (Faxed copies are acceptable.) The form and instructions may be printed from the Government Accountability Board's website at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/financial-disclosure/gab-901>. Candidates that have already filed a statement for 2014 activity do not need to file again:

Campaign Finance Reports

Special elections only require a Primary if there are two or more candidates on the ballot from the same party for the same office.

PRIMARY 2/17/15 AND ELECTION 4/7/15		
REPORT	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
January Continuing 2015	February 2, 2015	July 1, 2014, the date of registration, or the date of your last report, through December 31, 2014.
Special Pre-Primary Report	February 9, 2015**	From January 1, 2015, or the date of registration, through February 2, 2015.
Special Pre-Election Report	March 30, 2015**	From February 3, 2015, through March 23, 2015.
Special Post-Election Report	May 7, 2015	From March 24, 2015 through April 29, 2015.
July Continuing 2015	July 20, 2015	From April 30, 2015, or the closing date of your last report, through June 30, 2015.

NOTE: The Pre-Primary and Pre-Election for this office is the same date as the Spring Pre-Primary and Pre-Election reports.

Finance reports filed electronically using the CFIS website (<https://cfis.wi.gov>) do not require a hard copy to be submitted.