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Elections Division to Conduct Voter Record Maintenance

MADISON, WI – Kevin J. Kennedy, Director and General Counsel of the Government Accountability Board, today announced that on Friday, February 20, the State Elections Division will mail postcards to Wisconsin voters who have not voted in the past four years. Information on the postcards asks voters if they wish to remain active in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).

The four-year voter record maintenance process is required by state law and will affect approximately 313,205 voters, according to Division staff. While the postcard is titled “Notice of Suspension,” it gives inactive voters a month to contact the Elections Division with a return postcard to maintain their active status in the SVRS.

“This card gives voters a chance to double-check their voter record information and confirm it, or take even steps to update it,” said Nat Robinson, Elections Division Administrator. “It’s an easy process that will also help local clerks improve voter data quality.”

Voters who have changed name or address 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,” Robinson confirmed. “Rather, it is designed to help Wisconsin maintain accurate and quality voter data, and make sure every voter is listed under her or his correct name and at the current address.”

Voters who receive that card, but believe they have voted in Wisconsin in the last four years should contact the Government Accountability Board’s Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or their local municipal clerk. More information about the process is posted to the Elections Division’s homepage at <http://elections.wi.gov>.

Voters can also check the State’s *Voter Public Access* website at <https://vpa.wi.gov> to check that their voter history was properly recorded. Local election officials – usually the municipal clerk – are responsible for recording that a voter has voted in an election.

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