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TO: The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor
Honorable Members, Wisconsin Senate and Assembly

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SUBJECT: Voter Registration Four-Year Record Maintenance

This message is to inform the Governor and members of the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly about the completion of the statutorily required Four Year Voter Record Maintenance Process.

Wisconsin Statutes §§6.50 (1) and (2) mandate the inactivation of voter registrations for those electors who have not voted within the past four years. The G.A.B. is required to send a mailing to registered voters who have been qualified to vote for the past four years but have not voted. As required by statute, the mailing notifies voters that if they do not respond within 30 days, their registration will be inactivated – not deleted – from the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). Voters who have been inactivated will not appear on the poll list on Election Day and will need to provide proof of residence when they reregister in order to vote.

On July 27, 2015, the G.A.B. inactivated voter records of individuals who did not respond to the Notice of Suspension of Registration sent on June 26, 2015.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §6.50 (2r), the G.A.B. must post voter record maintenance statistics on the agency website following the completion of the process by August 1. Below are the voter record maintenance statistics for the 2014-2015 Voter Record Maintenance Process as specified in the new provision.

Voter Maintenance Statistics	
Wis. Stats. §6.50 (2r)	Total
(a) The number of notices mailed.	97,981
(b) The number of notices that were returned to the board as undeliverable.	25,179
(c) The number of notices that were returned requesting continuation of registration.	9,610
(d) The number of notices that were returned requesting cancellation of registration.	26
(e) The number of notices that were returned with an indication that the named elector is deceased.	342
(f) The number of notices that were not returned.	63,186
(g) The number of electors who received notices and whose status changed from eligible (active) to ineligible (inactive).	83,070

It is important to note that these numbers will change as clerks continue to record any remaining unprocessed postcards or postcards returned after July 27, 2015. Therefore, the G.A.B. will post updated statistics on our agency website on August 31, 2015. The statistics can be found at <http://www.gab.wi.gov/publications/reports/2015-svrs-four-year-maintenance>.

If you have any questions or need clarification on the voter record maintenance statistics, please feel free to contact our G.A.B. Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or via email at GABhelpdesk@wi.gov.

Please let me know if we can provide additional information or assistance. Thank you.