



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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**DATE:** July 30, 2021

**TO:** Wisconsin County Clerks  
Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
City of Milwaukee Election Commission  
Milwaukee County Election Commission

**FROM:** Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC)

**SUBJECT:** U.S. DOJ Guidance Document – Federal Law Constraints on Post-Election Review of Ballots, Other Records and Voting Systems

The United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) recently issued guidance on federal statutes that could impose constraints on the scope and method of post-election audits, including reviews of election materials like ballots for the 2020 General Election.

The guidance issued by U.S. DOJ can be found here: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1417796/download>

The WEC is providing this information to all counties and municipalities so they are aware of this guidance as you work with your corporation counsel or municipal counsel to respond to public record requests you may receive for these types of records.

If you have additional questions on this communication, please contact the WEC Helpdesk at 608-261-2028 or [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov).

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