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Step-by-step guide available for counting write-in votes in Wisconsin's Partisan Primary

The August 9 Partisan Primary is quickly approaching, and poll workers will need to know the ins and outs of counting votes. The partisan primary presents the voter with a ballot for the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Constitution parties. However, a voter can vote in only one party's primary. Voting in multiple party primaries is considered a crossover vote, and such action may void a voter's choices. To prevent a crossover vote, voters are encouraged to complete the Party Preference section at the top of their ballot to indicate which specific party the voter is choosing.

Counting write-in votes in a partisan primary can be complicated and requires a step-by-step approach to systematically separate which write-in votes are "eligible" for counting and which are "ineligible." To assist clerks and poll workers around the state, the WEC has created a step-by-step guide to help poll workers count all eligible votes and review a ballot for crossover voting. This guide can be found [here](https://elections.wi.gov/resources/manuals/counting-votes-manuals).

*<https://elections.wi.gov/resources/manuals/counting-votes-manuals>

WEC media availabilities can serve as a template for clerks

In an effort to create better understanding about Wisconsin elections, the WEC has been hosting summer media availabilities. Each event features WEC Administrator Meagan Wolfe alongside a local election official as they meet with reporters. Each session focuses on a different topic, such as securing Wisconsin elections, how ballots are counted, voter registration, and voter record maintenance, among others.

Each media availability session also has a corresponding PowerPoint and/or script. Clerks can use these resources to conduct their own media outreach campaigns. Look for these resources soon on the WEC website.



Timely webinars and training videos available for clerks to view

Unsure as to what SVD visits entail? Not familiar with setting up a polling place?

Don't worry. The WEC covers all that and more in recently conducted trainings, all of which clerks can view in [The Learning Center](#).

*<https://electiontraining.wi.gov/>



In-person absentee voting started on Tuesday, July 26th

In Wisconsin, absentee voting doesn't just happen by mail; it happens in person, too! This kind of voting is known as in-person absentee voting, and it takes place in the 14 days leading up to an election.

It's up to each municipality as to when and where in-person absentee voting occurs and this information must be contained within your Type E notice.

Voters are able to look on the MyVote Wisconsin website to see when in-person absentee voting is offered in their community, so please make sure to have that information up to date in WisVote! See section 4.11 of the WisVote User Manual for instructions on how to add election-specific absentee options.

Upcoming Deadlines & Important Dates

July 30, 2022

- First day clerks can conduct public testing of voting equipment
- Clerks must publish a notice regarding public testing of voting equipment at least 48 hours in advance

August 1, 2022

- Last day for SVD's to make arrangements to visit nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the August Partisan Primary

August 2, 2022

- Last day for municipal clerks to post notices of SVD visits

August 4, 2022

- Last day for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots for the Partisan Primary

August 5, 2022

- Last day for write-in candidates to file registration statements
- Last day for voters to register prior to the Partisan Primary
- Last day for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted for the Partisan Primary
- Last day for indefinitely confined and military electors not on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots for the Partisan Primary

August 7, 2022

- Last day for in-person absentee voting

August 8, 2022

- County clerks publish Type B notices and facsimile ballots for the Partisan Primary
- County clerks publish Type C notices (if necessary)
- Municipal clerks publish Type D notices
- Last day for SVD's to visit nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Partisan Primary

August 10, 2022

- Municipal clerks deliver election materials to county clerks

August 11, 2022

- Municipal clerks deliver election materials to county clerks (for municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location)

Upcoming Elections

August 9, 2022 - Partisan Primary
November 8, 2022 - General Election

Upcoming Commission Meetings

September 21, 2022 - Third Quarterly Meeting
November 30, 2022 - Fourth Quarterly Meeting

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