



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
Milwaukee County Election Commission

FROM: Wisconsin Elections Commission
Election Administration Team

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Type A Notice of April 1, 2025, Spring Election and Other Important Information

This memo includes useful information for the upcoming Spring Election.

Notice of Election

The Type A Notice of the Spring Election to be held on **April 1, 2025**, contains all state level and judicial offices to be elected throughout the state. Please select the judicial offices that are up for election in your county, and add any county offices, multi-jurisdictional municipal judges and/or referenda. Please contact us immediately if you have any questions or concerns about the offices listed as up for election in your county.

The Type A Notice of the 2025 Spring Election must be published by all county clerks on **November 26, 2024**. Whenever a weekly newspaper is used for publication, the notices appear in the newspaper's closest preceding issue.

Please send a copy of the Type A Notice to each municipal clerk. **Municipal clerks are required to publish a Type A notice of municipal offices on the same date, November 26, 2024.**

Note: If a Circuit Court Judge resigns on or before December 1, 2024, that office will be up for election at the 2025 Spring Election. If a judicial vacancy occurs during this period, we will contact the affected county clerks with an amended Type A Notice.

Explanation of County Executive/County Supervisor Term Expirations

The Type A Notice displays the expiration date of the terms of office for County Executive and County Supervisor as April 14, 2025. This is the day before winning candidates take office on the third Tuesday in April (April 15, 2025).

The statutes do not definitively provide when the terms for County Executive and County Supervisor officially end. They simply state when the terms begin. If, due to your county's procedures, you are more comfortable with the expiration date of the term being the same as the date the new term begins, you may use that date.

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Offices to Be Elected at the 2025 Spring Election

State Superintendent of Department of Public Instruction - This office appears on the ballot in all counties.

Justice of the Supreme Court - This office appears on the judicial ballot in all counties.

Court of Appeals, District II - This office appears on the judicial ballot in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, and Winnebago counties.

Court of Appeals, District III - This office appears on the judicial ballot in Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas, and Washburn counties.

Court of Appeals, District IV - This office appears on the judicial ballot in Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood counties.

Circuit Court Judge - This office appears on the judicial ballot in Brown, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Eau Claire, Green, Jefferson, LaCrosse, Lafayette, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, St. Croix, and Waukesha counties.

Judicial Office Candidate Checklist

The **Judicial Candidates ballot access checklist** (ELIS-1) is available on the WEC website on the State Candidates page under Non-Partisan: <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/state-candidates>. The **Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge Candidate checklist** (ELIS-18) is on the Local Candidates page under Non-Partisan: <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/local-candidates>. The checklists assist candidates in qualifying for ballot placement. The checklists may be reproduced and given to your candidates along with the proper ballot access forms:

- **Campaign Finance Registration Statement (CF-1)** <https://ethics.wi.gov/Resources/CF-1%20Registration%20Statement%20Fillable.pdf>
- **Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162)** <https://elections.wi.gov/wec-form/declaration-candidacy-el-162-162sd>

We also recommend that, in your initial discussions with candidates, you direct their attention to the WEC's **Getting on the Ballot** page which can be found here: <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/getting-ballot>. It is a good resource for both candidates and filing officers to prevent errors on nomination papers and avoid challenges.

Additional Information

State Referendum Questions - At this time, there are no state referenda for the April 1, 2025, Spring Election. However, the legislature has until January 21, 2025, to direct that a referendum question be placed on the ballot, so that possibility still exists. Wis. Stat. § 8.37. We will monitor the activity of the legislature and keep you informed.

Non-Candidacy Notification - For the Spring 2025 Election, any incumbent officeholder for state office who does not intend to seek re-election should file a Notification of Noncandidacy Form (EL-163) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2024.

The EL-163 is available from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website: <https://elections.wi.gov/wec-form/notification-noncandidacy-el-163>. If an incumbent not seeking re-election does not file the notification by the deadline and does not file ballot access documents by the required statutory deadline to seek re-election (January 7, 2025), the filing deadline will be extended an additional 72 hours for any other person wishing to run for that office. The deadline is not extended for the incumbent. If an incumbent not seeking re-election files the notification timely, the nomination paper deadline of January 7, 2025, is unchanged. If the incumbent decides to run for office after filing the notification, he or she can run for re-election by filing the appropriate ballot access papers by the January 7 deadline.

WEC staff recommends that in early December you send the non-candidacy form, along with a short explanation, to all your incumbents. If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact the Help Desk at 608- 261-2028 or elections@wi.gov.