WisVote Absentee

Definitive Post-Election Guide

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With us today we have…

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Agenda

On Our Docket For Today…

- Returned absentee ballots
- Reconciliation
- Closing the election
- Calendar year versus indefinitely confined
- In-person absentee voting

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Returned Absentee Ballots

Recording them correctly

Why?

It has huge impacts on WisVote data!

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People look at this data!

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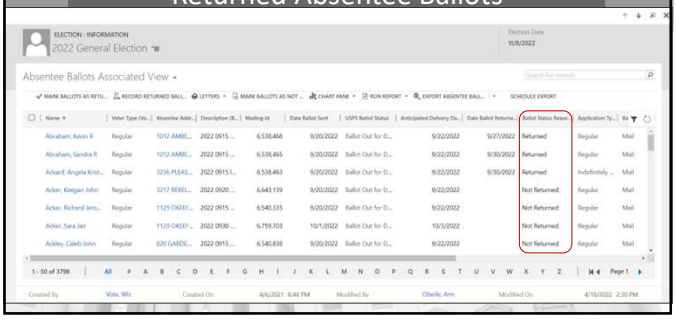

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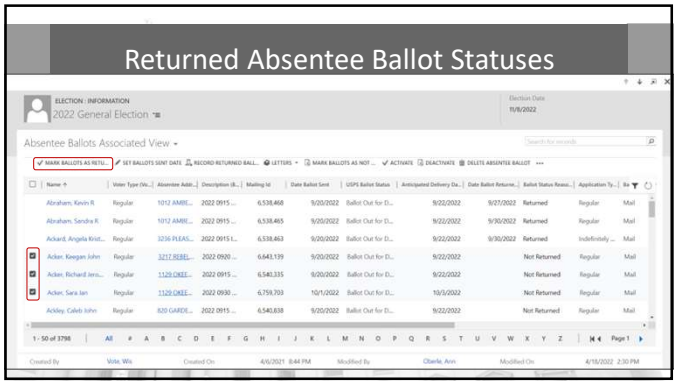

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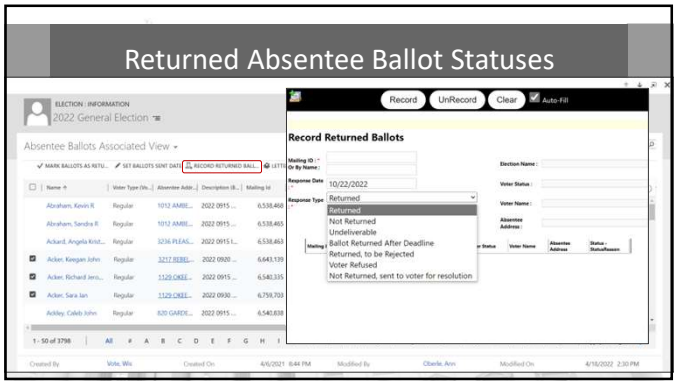

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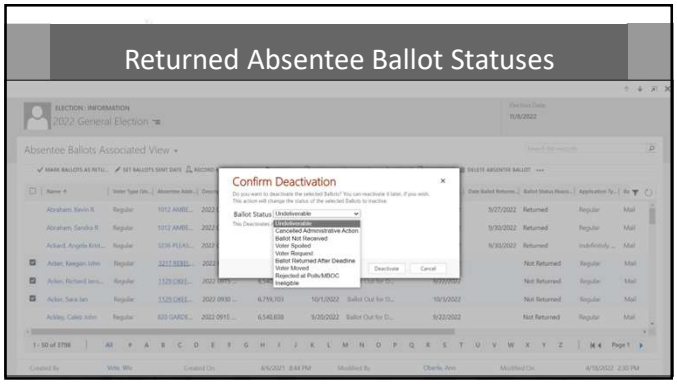

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Returned Absentee Ballot Statuses

Keeps Ballot Active	Inactivates Ballot
• Returned • Not Returned • Returned, to be Rejected • Voter Requested • Not Returned, sent to Voter for resolution	• Undeliverable • Cancelled Administrative Action • Ballot Not Received • Voter Spoiled • Voter Request • Ballot Returned After Deadline • Rejected at Polls/MBOC • Ineligible

So important!

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Returned Absentee Ballot Statuses

Voter Request	Voter Spoiled
• Voter contacts clerk **before ballot's returned**, and before end of absentee period, to request ballot be cancelled.	• Voter contacts clerk **after ballot's returned**, but before end of absentee period, to request ballot be spoiled

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Returned Absentee Ballot Statuses

Returned, to be Rejected	Rejected at Polls/MBOC
• Ballot's returned, but there's an unfixed, invalidating issue with it • Not rejected yet	• Ballot's returned and rejected, due to an unfixed issue with it

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Reconciliation

Two scenarios

- Voters who have a returned absentee ballot, but no absentee participation
- Voters who have absentee participation, but no returned absentee ballot

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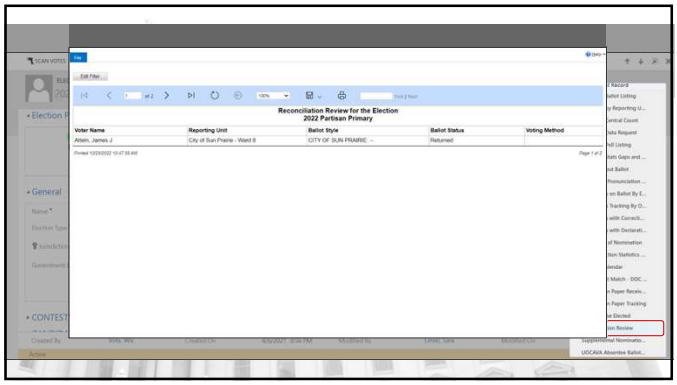

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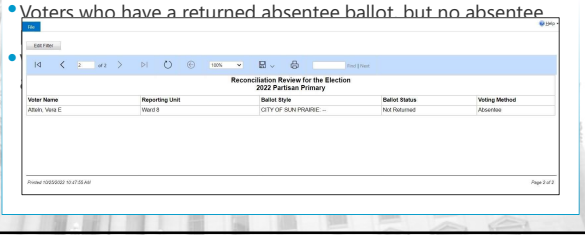

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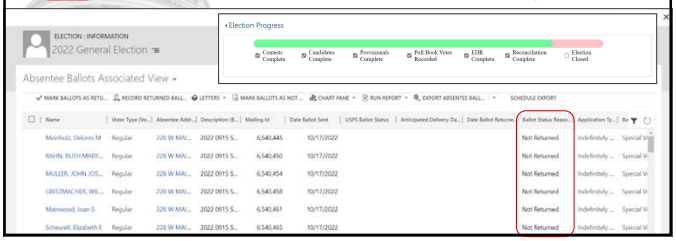
Closing the election

Absentee ballots marked "Not Returned"…



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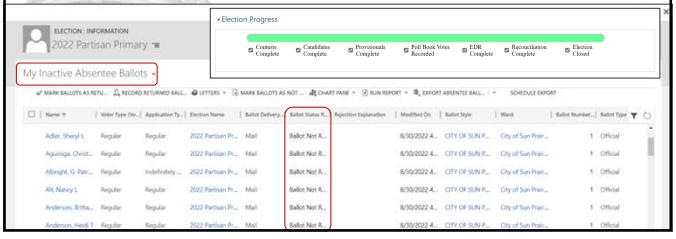

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Closing the election

It also…

- Deactivates all election-specific absentee applications
- Changes all "…to be rejected" ballots to "Rejected: [Reason]"

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Closing the election

Which is why…

You shouldn't close the election until all absentee tracking activities are *complete*

Otherwise, you may need the WEC Help Desk's assistance

Post-Election Checklist

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Unreturned Absentee Ballots

Indefinitely Confined applications	Calendar Year applications
• Send 30-day indefinitely confined letter • If no response, deactivate application	• Deactivate application • Inform voter of deactivation within five business days, if possible

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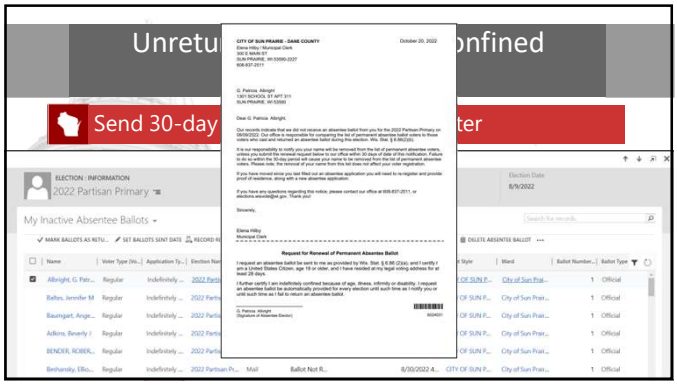

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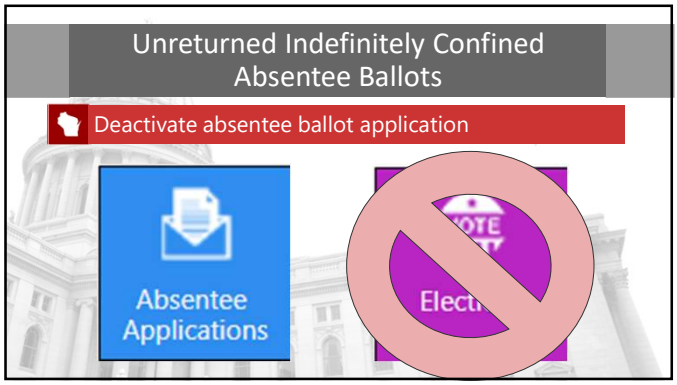
Unreturned Indefinitely Confined Absentee Ballots

- Deactivate absentee ballot application



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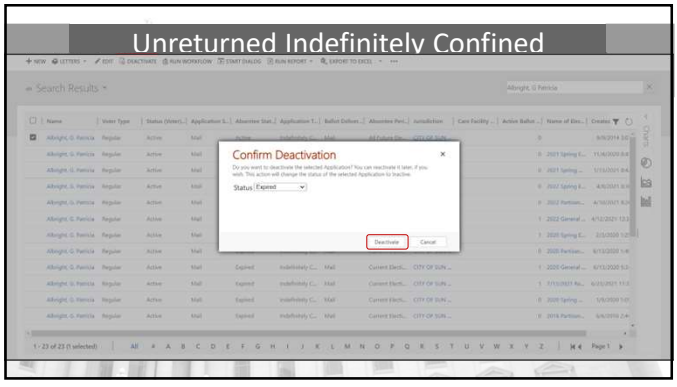

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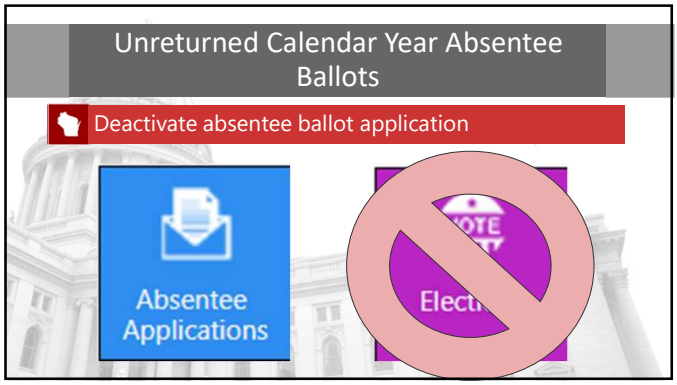
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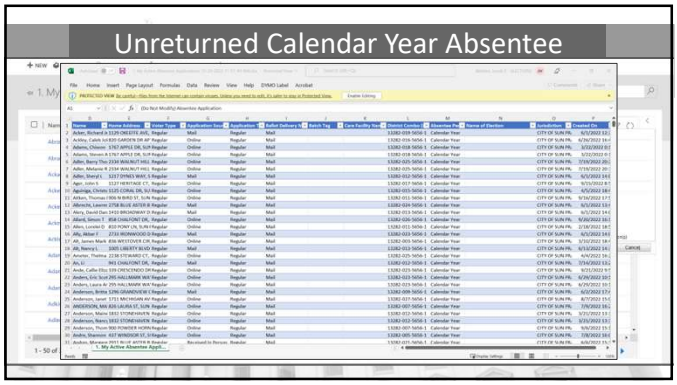
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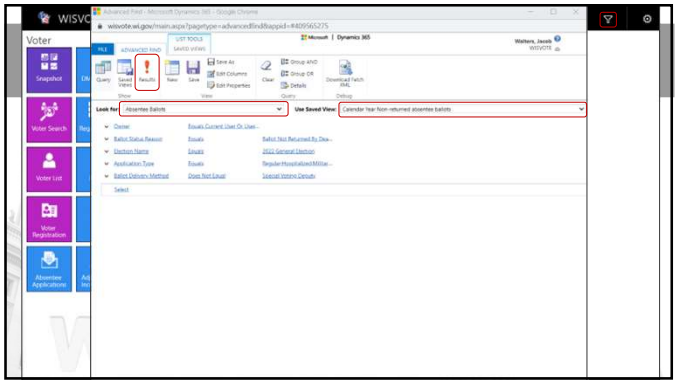
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Voter List
Voter Registration
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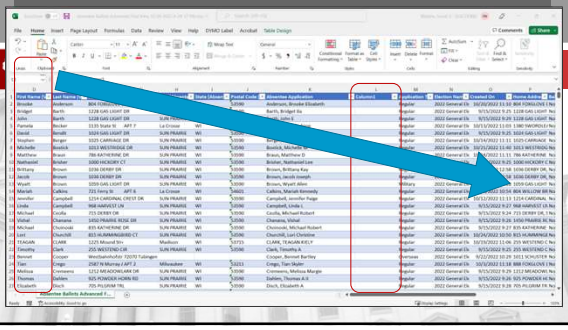

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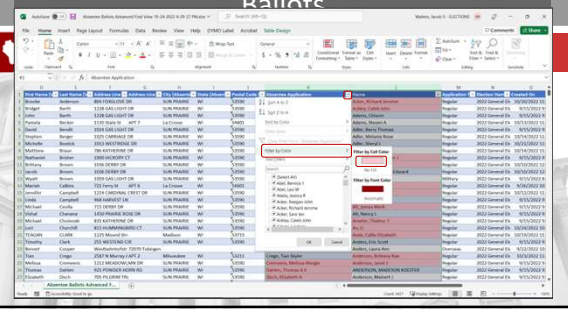

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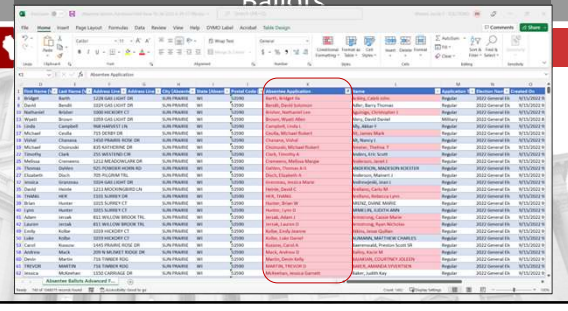

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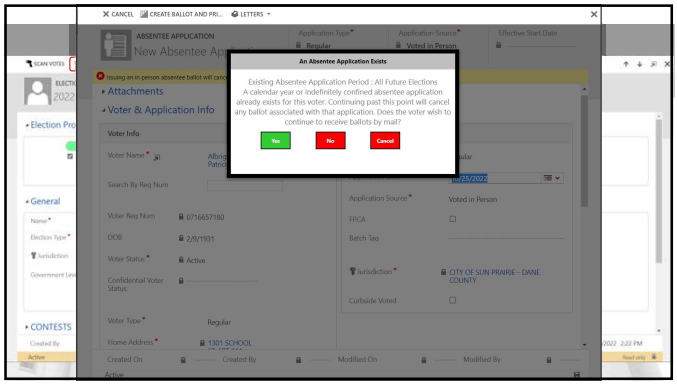
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LETTERS
ABSENTEE APPLICATION
New Absentee Ap
An Absentee Application Exists
Existing Absentee Application Period : All Future Elections
A calendar year or indefinitely confined absentee application already exists for this voter. Continuing past this point will cancel any ballot associated with that application. Does the voter wish to continue to receive ballots by mail?
Yes
No
Cancel
Attachments
Voter & Application Info
Voter Info
Voter Name *
Search By Req Num
Voter Req Num
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Voter Status *
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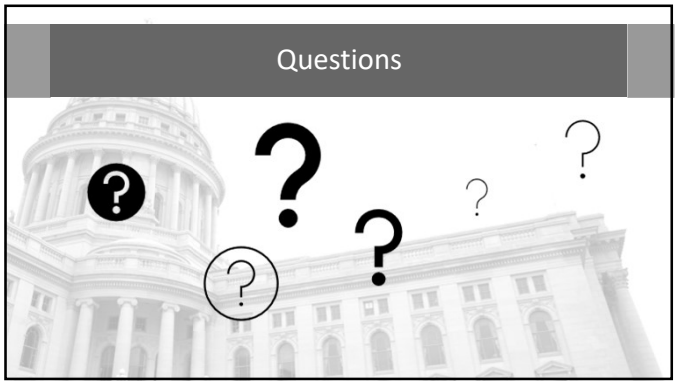
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