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Voter Registration Form Revision Appendix A

<u>New Form Section</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Location on old form, explanation of new location/changes</u>
Qualifications	These are the qualifying criteria that determine whether someone may register to vote. This section asks the voter to affirm that they are a U.S. citizen, over 18 years old, that they have resided at their current address 10 days prior to the election and do not intend to move, and that they are not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction.	Qualifying questions are in multiple locations on the old version of the EL-131. The new form has all qualifications grouped at the top of the form to make them the very first thing the voter must review and confirm. This design asks the voter to affirm that they meet each qualification by checking each box before providing any further required information.
Your Name	This section requires the voter to list their complete and current name.	The name field on the old EL-131 is in section four. Usability research shows that voters are more likely to pay closer attention to information they enter after their name while filling out a form, so this section was moved up in the new form to section two.
About You	This section collects a voter's date of birth, email address, and phone number.	The old EL-131 groups these fields into the larger name section. The new form separates the fields into a dedicated section and more clearly indicates which information is required and which is optional.
The Address Where You Live	This section is where a voter will list their home address, which is their legal residence for voting purposes.	The new form is not a radical departure from the way this information on the old form. The new form prompts the voter to indicate their municipality and allows more room to enter information. A notable change is the absence of the map used for non-traditional addresses or homeless voters, which has been moved to the back of the new form.
Your Mailing Address	In this section, a voter may enter their mailing address if it differs from their physical residence.	This field has also not changed substantively. There is, however, more room for voters to fill in this section in the new form.

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<p>Prior Registration Information</p>	<p>This section is specifically for voters who are updating their registration information due to a change in name or address. This field offers spaces for both prior name and prior address.</p>	<p>The old EL-131 lists similar options near the top of the form, e.g., “Name Change” or “Address Change,” but requires that prior registration information be entered in a separate section of the form. The new form consolidates this information.</p>
<p>Identification</p>	<p>This is the section in which a voter is required to enter their WI Driver License/State ID number or their Social Security Number. If the voter in question has neither, a third option directs them to the back of the form for additional instructions.</p>	<p>This section appears closer to the top in the old EL-131 but does not delineate the three options as clearly as the prototype. By requiring that one of the three options be chosen and clearly indicating the next steps based on that choice, the new form seeks to cut down on any confusion a voter might experience in this section.</p>
<p>Proof of Residence</p>	<p>This section asks the voter to affirm that they are (if required) providing a valid copy of a proof of residence document with their registration.</p>	<p>This section did not exist on the old EL-131. This was added to the new form to provide a self-check to the voter filling out the form. By confirming that they are providing a valid copy of a POR document (and providing examples), this section may result in saved time for both voters and poll workers.</p>
<p>Signature/Assistant Section</p>	<p>This section requires the voter to sign (or to have someone sign on their behalf if necessary) and date the registration to affirm the correctness of the information therein. The assistant section, which is only completed when an assistant signs the form, includes fields for the assistant’s name and address.</p>	<p>The fields for signatures, dates, etc., remain mostly the same on the new form. The main difference in this section lies in the certification section (“I hereby certify...”). By separating out the main qualifications and placing them at the top of the form, as well as focusing on plain language throughout, the prototype is able to more concisely convey the certification language in more understandable terms to the voter.</p>
<p>Official Use Only</p>	<p>This section of the form is used only by election officials, be it poll workers on Election Day or staff in the clerk’s office.</p>	<p>When compared to the old EL-131, the new form greatly expands on the official use section. The new form offers a list of abbreviated Proof of Residence documents that allow the official processing the form to quickly circle the correct type of document. The section also allows more space in the fields completed by poll workers on Election Day. Fields for SRD information have been omitted and, in response to usability testing with election officials, certain fields that exist on the current form were repositioned on the prototype to appear in areas that make more logical sense, both in terms of processing a registration and for the purposes of data entry after Election Day.</p>