

Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Deadline Approaching for Spring Election Candidates

MADISON, WI – The deadline is approaching for candidates running for office in the 2018 Spring Election to file their paperwork.

Michael Haas, interim administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, urged candidates to file nomination papers well before the deadline at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 2.

“With the upcoming holidays, don’t wait until the last minute to file,” said Haas. “If there are problems with your paperwork, you won’t want to be scrambling to collect more signatures at the deadline.”

When a candidate brings in nomination papers, WEC staff reviews them for completeness as quickly as possible so if there are any errors the candidate has time to collect and file more signatures or prepare correcting affidavits. Candidates who file at the last minute may not get the same opportunity to fix any problems, Haas said.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission office will be closed on Monday, December 25, for Christmas and Monday, January 1, for New Year’s Day. Haas urged local candidates who must file their paperwork with a county, municipal or school district clerk to check with those offices for holiday closing schedules.

The Commission will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, January 9 to certify the list of candidates for state offices in the February 20 Spring Primary and the April 3 Spring Election.

For more information about getting on the ballot in Wisconsin, visit our website: <http://elections.wi.gov/candidates>. Candidates with questions should call 1-866-VOTE-WIS (868-3947).

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The Wisconsin Elections Commission is responsible for administration and enforcement of election laws in Wisconsin. The Commission is made up of six Commissioners – four appointed directly by the State Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the Assembly and the Minority Leaders in the State Senate and Assembly. The remaining two Commissioners are by the Governor with confirmation by the State Senate from lists of former municipal and county clerks submitted by the legislative leadership in each party.