

## **Election Reconciliation (Modern WEDCs) – Webinar FAQs**

**Can we default in some of the fields to zero; like the old system? ex. We don't have touchscreen or DRE; so these fields would all be zero for all our 72 wards.**

Due to the nature of the Inspectors' Statement entity and WisVote, defaulting fields to zero will not be an option. Defaulting fields in this matter would require tracking voting equipment in WisVote and would lead to problems with data-entry and reconciliation if this information was out-of-date.

**Do we need to still provide the EL 190 to the municipal clerks?**

The form is no longer required by the Elections Commission. You can still ask relier municipalities to submit a 190 form to your county if you choose, but there will be no section where the data would be entered directly into WisVote.

**Are these changes effective for the August Primary reporting?**

Yes, the WisVote inspectors' statement, Election Reconciliation, and EDR Postcard reports should be used for your Partisan Primary reporting.

**Do we need to enter all of our voting records first before we can complete the Inspectors' Statement?**

You do not have to enter participation before entering the Inspectors' Statement information. In fact, we suggest entering the Inspectors' Statement information at least one day prior to when you plan to record voter participation information. The Election Reconciliation entity matching process runs overnight, so the extra day will allow the report to generate after you've completed poll book recording.

**Is there an estimated timeframe for when the reconciliation form will be up and running?**

We don't have an ETA of when the process will run overnight as intended, but we will issue a clerk communication on our website once the underlying issue is resolved. In the meantime, you are able to enter your Inspectors' Statements and record voter participation information.

**Is there a way to see a list of postcards sent?**

Currently, only 4-year Maintenance and ERIC Mover postcards are tracked in WisVote and at a future date verification postcard tracking will be added.

**Will we use the comment sections to say things like "voter received ballot for wrong ward?" if our numbers do not match?**

Correct, you would use the comment section for situations where the discrepancy cannot be corrected in WisVote. These comments are publicly posted and should be valid reasons for the disparity.

**I am assuming I have to "uncheck" election closed to do these steps, correct?**

No, you will not need to uncheck any election checkpoints to enter this information. However, if any election data merits a correction, then checkpoints will need to be unchecked to allow the new or corrected information to be recorded. Best practices are to wait to check Election Closed until after the Election Reconciliation form is completed.

**Does the Inspectors' Statement (Election Reconciliation) replace the EL-190? Replace the EL-190-F also?**

The Election Reconciliation Process replaces the old EL-190NF and EL-190F, the WisVote Inspectors' Statement is part of the reconciling poll books and participation in WisVote. The 190 forms will no longer be collected or requested by the Elections Commission.

**Will we still be providing how many poll workers, their age range, and if we use split shifts?**

No, you will not need to report poll worker numbers, age range or the use of split shifts at this time. We are exploring ways to resume collecting this information that do not rely on the by-reporting-unit model of the previous WEDCS system and while embracing the goal of simplifying election statistical reporting.

**Just now I went into my Inspectors' Statement and I don't get any report. It sends me back to the home page for the Election.**

To open the Inspectors' Statement, you must click on the link in the **Name** column or double-click elsewhere in the same line. If you click on the **Election Name**, you will be returned to your Election homepage. We have since reordered the fields to reduce confusion and the reporting unit name now appears before the election name in the grid.

**Deadline to complete EDR reporting?**

Deadlines have not changed as part of the WEDCS Modernization project. EDR Postcard Reports must be filed within 90-days of an election and Election Reconciliation (including the Inspectors' Statements) must be completed within 30-days of an election with a State or Federal-level contest.

**Do we record the postcards from on-line registrations or mail anywhere?**

No, there is not currently a report or WisVote entity that tracks postcards generated by online or by-mail voter registrations.