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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: Election Day Manual (2018-10)
Absentee Voting in Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Homes Manual
(2018-10)

Election Day Manual

The Election Day Manual has been updated to incorporate statutory deadlines, processes, procedures and forms that reflect the federal court's decision in *One Wisconsin Institute, Inc., et al. v. Thomsen, et al.*, 198 F.Supp.3d 896 (W.D. Wis., 2016). As of September 2018, this case is on appeal at the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Based on the court's decision in *One Wisconsin*, the manual reflects the following:

- Number of days to establish residency for voting purposes is changed from 28 to 10.
- Due to the change from 28 days to 10 days for establishing residency, new residents to the State may submit the EL-141 (Application for Presidential Ballot – New Wisconsin Resident) 9 days before the election.
- ID Petition Process (IDPP) receipt is an acceptable form of proof of residence and proof of identification.
- Universities, colleges and technical colleges may provide certified dorm lists to municipalities used for proof of residence without verifying U.S. citizenship of the students contained on the list.
- University, college or technical college student IDs may be presented to satisfy the photo ID requirement even if expired, if all other requirements are met.

Footnotes indicating that a requirement or process is affected by the *One Wisconsin Decision* appear throughout this manual.

The Election Day Manual has been updated to reflect court and Commission decisions regarding the use of photography and videography by election observers, voters and members of the media. The Commission has also updated guidance regarding the use of certain bank statements and credit card statements as proof of residence for voter registration purposes. Please refer to the clerk

communication posted on October 1, 2018 for more details: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6132>. Commission staff has also added information about processing hand-count absentee ballots.

Absentee Voting in Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Homes Manual

The Absentee Voting in Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Homes Manual has been updated to reflect the use of certain bank statements and credit card statements as proof of residence, the use of photography or videography by election observers and provide municipal clerks with some methods a voter may employ to decline a ballot for one or more elections. The manual also provides more details about the use of the Special Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope (EL-122sp).

The manuals can be viewed or printed from the WEC website: <https://elections.wi.gov/publications/manuals>. Manuals and webinars can also be ordered for a small processing charge: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/2857>. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Coakley: allison.coakley@wi.gov.