

Veterans Day

Wis. Stat. § 7.515(3) currently allows the counting of absentee ballots postmarked no later than election day as long as they are received no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday following the election. Wis. Stat. § 6.97(3)(b) gives provisional voters until 4 p.m. on the Friday following the election to provide any missing information. In 2016, both of these deadlines fall on November 11, Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is a state and federal (postal) holiday. Typically under state law, if a deadline falls on a holiday, the deadline is moved to the next secular day. However, many municipal offices do not close for Veterans Day and moving the deadline would impact the canvassing timeline for the General Election. For the time being, Board staff has chosen to leave these deadlines on November 11 so that the issue may be reviewed in more detail at a later date. If the decision is made to move the deadlines to the following Monday, a clerk communication will be issued providing further guidance.

New Features

The 2016 calendar includes a number of new entries based on clerk feedback:

- Deadline for villages to receive petitions for a primary.
- Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for each election.
- Deadline for registered write-in candidates to file a GAB-1.

As in years past the staff has taken the additional step of providing the calendar in multiple formats including Adobe Acrobat, Word, and Excel for your convenience. Instructions are available at the G.A.B. website for importing the Excel spreadsheet into different versions of Microsoft Outlook's Calendar.

You may call our Help Desk at (608) 261-2028 or email the Help Desk at GABHelpDesk@wi.gov if you have any questions or need further assistance.

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