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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 2016

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
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SUBJECT: 2017 Calendar of Election Events and Spring Election Reminders

Each year the Wisconsin Elections Commission publishes a calendar of election administration events for the upcoming year. Many election officials have come to rely on this calendar as a primary resource for election deadlines and have been contacting the Elections Commission to inquire when the 2017 calendar will be available. This communication is to announce that the 2017 calendar of election events is now available, but may be subject to change.

You can find the new 2017 Calendar of Election Events on the agency website:
<http://elections.wi.gov/publications/2017-election-events-calendar>.

The 2017 calendar contains deadlines that have been modified as a result of Federal Judge Peterson's order in the One Wisconsin Institute court case. The court order changed several rules and procedures, including changing the residency requirement for voter registration from 28 days to 10 days and allowing for expanded in-person absentee voting hours. Please refer to the [Federal Court Decision in One Wisconsin Institute Case](#) clerk communication for detailed information about the judge's decision. Both the plaintiffs and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) have appealed aspects of the decision. It is hard to estimate when the Court of Appeals may have a decision on the appeals, but it would be surprising if a decision was released prior to the 2017 Spring Primary and Election.

The 2017 calendar includes a number of new and modified entries:

- New deadline for municipal clerks to report election night returns to the county clerk
- New deadline for county clerks to post the election returns at the office and agency website
- Modified last day for electors to begin to acquire residency (10 days prior to the election)
- Modified first day for clerks to issue absentee ballots in-person (date set by municipality)

- Modified last day for clerks to issue absentee ballots in-person (date set by municipality, may offer through the Sunday before the Election)

Please note the calendar of election events no longer includes campaign finance filing deadlines. For campaign finance deadlines please visit the Wisconsin Ethics Commission website:

<http://ethics.wi.gov/content/campaign-finance-limits-deadlines>.

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

2017 Spring Election Reminders

- Nonpartisan candidate checklists are updated for 2017 and available on the agency website: <http://elections.wi.gov/candidates/local/non-partisan>.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers for the 2017 Spring Election is December 1, 2016. Please make sure the most recent version of the Nomination Paper for Nonpartisan Office (EL-169) form is included in candidate packets. <http://elections.wi.gov/forms/EL-169>
- The deadline for incumbents to file a notification of noncandidacy for the 2017 Spring Election is December 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. All clerks must be available until 5:00 p.m. on December 23 to accept notification of noncandidacy forms. If a county, municipal or school district office is closed on December 23, the clerk or the clerk's designee must still be available until 5:00 p.m. for incumbents to file a notification of noncandidacy.
- Online voter registration will be implemented by the Wisconsin Elections Commission in early January 2017. Special registration deputies will be eliminated effective upon the implementation date of online voter registration. After special registration deputies are eliminated, all voter registration efforts and drives outside of locations served by election registration officials (EROs) will require a copy of the elector's proof of residence document to be submitted with the voter registration application.

Please contact the Elections Help Desk at (608) 261-2028 or elections@wi.gov if you have any questions or need further assistance.