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**TO:** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
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**SUBJECT:** Redistricting Update: System Requirements

As you may know, we are in the process of retooling SVRS to use maps to manage districts instead of address ranges. G.A.B. staff are developing new web-based tools that clerks will be able to use to manage new district boundaries, and to put voters in the correct district combo.

As with many new technologies, in order to take full advantage of the new features in SVRS, some clerks may need to upgrade their computer, and/or computer software. Computers that are more than a few years old may not have enough memory for the tools to run well.

If you have an older version of your web browser, it may not support all functions. Some functions of the new system may work better on certain web browsers rather than others. It is important to note that you will only need to verify the software or hardware used by your office at this time if you plan on using the G.A.B. district management tool to manage your district boundaries after redistricting. (Note that Clerks will also have the option to maintain their district boundaries using their municipal or county GIS systems after redistricting.)

If you have an older computer and/or software and plan to use the G.A.B.'s district management tool, please contact our Help Desk to identify which components may need to be upgraded. To ensure a fast, efficient response, G.A.B. has created a new website for Clerks to submit their questions to the Help Desk. Please do the following:

1. Click on this link: <http://wisapps.wi.gov/sites/GAB/incident>
2. Click on "Create a Service Request" on the left-hand side of the page.
3. Enter your information into the form. The Service Request Title should be filled in with a general description of what you are entering, such as "redistricting computer requirements". The Details should be filled in with your specific question or any other details you would like to provide. Fill in the remaining fields with your contact information.

If you have an IT department that supports your computer, we recommend talking with them now regarding possible system upgrades. Checking your computer now gives you time to plan and budget

for potential computer or software replacements. If you are in need of an upgrade, but do not get one, note that the some of the new features may run slowly, or may not be functional.

The following are the minimum requirements for computers that will be used for district management:

1. OS: Windows XP SP2 32bit or higher
2. RAM: 1GB or more
3. Disk: 1GB Free Space or more
4. Video RAM: 256MB (512 Recommended)
5. Browser: Internet Explorer 8

If you have questions, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at [gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov). or (608) 261-2028.  
Thank you.

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