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SUBJECT: ERIC Supplemental Poll List FAQs

Elections Commission staff has received questions from clerks regarding the ERIC supplemental poll list. To help answer these questions for all clerks, staff has prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Please review this document if you have questions about the ERIC supplemental poll list for the April 3, 2018 election. We have included several links to previous clerk communications about the supplemental poll list, including instructions for WisVote Self-Providers and Providers.

Q: Why do we need this process at all?

A: The purpose of the ERIC supplemental poll list is to ensure that legally registered voters are not incorrectly removed from the poll list. Due to data issues we continue to investigate related to the ERIC mailing, some voter registrations may have been inactivated even if the voter had not moved. The supplement list will allow electors who have not moved to vote without requiring them to provide proof of residence and to register again at the polls.

Q: There is a voter on my ERIC supplemental poll list that I know has moved. Is there a way I can remove them from the list before Election Day?

A: If a voter appears on the ERIC supplemental poll list, they cannot be removed from the list. These voters are already inactive, and while you may be certain of their status, they must be given the same opportunity to appear and confirm their address as all other voters on the ERIC list. The ERIC supplemental process is designed to ensure that voters who have not moved will not need to reregister on Election Day.

Q: How will voters listed on the ERIC supplemental poll list impact numbers reported for the EL-190NF (Registrants, Late Registrants, etc.)?

A: ERIC supplemental poll list voters will be considered existing registrants for reporting and reconciliation purposes. If a voter signs the ERIC supplemental poll list, affirming that they reside at the address listed on the poll list, they do not have to provide any additional registration documentation. The WisVote EL-190 report will capture these voters so long as they have been reactivated and have participation recorded when the report is created.

Q: Why not reactivate all deactivated ERIC voters?

A: Commission staff reactivated several thousand voter records when we determined there was not necessarily reliable information the voter had moved. For the remaining inactivated voter records, a mass reactivation of more than 300,000 records has the potential to cause confusion on Election Day and would immediately render all current poll books out-of-date.

Q: Why was the additional supplemental list chosen as a solution?

A: The ERIC supplemental poll list was chosen as it offered the least amount of disruption to impacted voters, limited additional requirements for poll worker training, and allowed Commission staff to obtain data about the false positives and determine how to prevent them in future ERIC mailings. Voters who appears on the ERIC supplemental list will sign the list to confirm that their address has not changed. These voters will not have to complete a new registration form or take any additional steps to reactivate their voter record.

Q: Do voters who appear on the ERIC supplemental poll list still have to provide Photo ID?

A: Voters who appears on any section of the poll list must provide Photo ID before they can be issued a ballot, except for confidential voters. Keep in mind that the address on the photo ID does not have to match the address on the poll list.

WEC Resources for ERIC Supplemental Poll List Training and Usage:

How to generate and print the ERIC Supplemental Poll List Report, record participation and issue/track absentee voters in WisVote: <http://elections.wi.gov/node/5731>.

Election Inspector instructions for how and when to use the ERIC Supplemental Poll List Report at the polls on Election Day: <http://elections.wi.gov/node/5731>.

How many copies of the ERIC Supplemental Poll Lists should be at the polling location: <http://elections.wi.gov/node/5734>.