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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candidates in the 33rd State Senate District Special Election

FROM: Richard Bohringer
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DATE: May 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Special Election – Ballot Access and Campaign Finance Filing Deadlines

On May 5, 2015, the Governor issued an executive order calling a special election for the 33rd State Senate District. The order was filed in the offices of the Government Accountability Board on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The election will be held on July 21, 2015, and a primary election if necessary would be June 23, 2015.

This memo contains information on deadlines associated with the special election. Forms may be found on the Government Accountability Board website at <http://gab.wi.gov> or by contacting the Government Accountability Board office. If you have any questions about this information, please contact our office at 608-261-2028.

Campaign Registration Statement

All candidates are required to register their campaign committee (file a campaign registration statement, GAB-1) with the Government Accountability Board as soon as they form the intent to become a candidate and before any funds are collected or spent. §§11.05(2g), 11.10(1), Wis. Stats. New candidates may register their campaign committee on-line at <http://cfis.wi.gov/Public/Registration.aspx?page=Candidate> no later than **5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 26, 2015**. *New Candidates*, in addition to registering on-line, must print, sign and mail the registration form to the Government Accountability Board, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984

A current campaign registration statement can be amended on line at <http://cfis.wi.gov/> by logging on and then by indicating the office sought and the special election dates. (No hard copy is required.)

All candidates should register or amend their registration using the link above **before** circulating nomination papers. ***If the registration statement is not filed by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, the candidate's name may not be placed on the ballot.***

Declaration of Candidacy

Candidates must complete and submit a Declaration of Candidacy (GAB-162) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. This form must be filed with the Government Accountability Board on time or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

Nomination Papers

The first day to circulate nomination papers (GAB-168) for the special election is May 5, 2015, the day the order was filed in the offices of the Government Accountability Board. The last day to circulate nomination papers is May 26, 2015. ***Nomination papers must be submitted to the Government Accountability Board by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.*** Candidates must submit at least the following number of signatures depending on the office sought:

Office	Minimum # signatures	Maximum # signatures
State Senate	400	800

Statement of Economic Interests

All candidates are required to file a ***Statement of Economic Interests (SEI)*** with the Government Accountability Board, Ethics and Accountability Division. The SEI must be received in the G.A.B. office no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2015**. (Faxed copies are acceptable.) The form and instructions may be printed from the Government Accountability Board's website at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/financial-disclosure/gab-901>. Candidates that have already filed a statement for 2014 activity do not need to file again:

Campaign Finance Reports

Special elections only require a Primary if there are two or more candidates on the ballot from the same party for the same office.

PRIMARY 6/23/15 AND ELECTION 7/21/15		
REPORT	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
Special Pre-Primary Report	June 15, 2015	January 1, 2015, the date of registration, or the date of your last report, through June 8, 2015.
July Continuing 2015	July 13, 2015**	From June 9, 2015, through June 30, 2015.
Special Pre-Election Report	July 13, 2015**	From July 1, 2015, through July 6, 2015.
Special Post-Election Report	August 20, 2015	From July 7, 2015 through August 12, 2015.
January Continuing 2016	February 1, 2016	From August 13, 2015, or the closing date of your last report, through December 31, 2015.

**NOTE: The July Continuing and Pre-Election reports for this office are due the same date because the Pre-Election report is due 7 days prior to the scheduled July Continuing.

Finance reports filed electronically using the CFIS website (<https://cfis.wi.gov>) do not require a hard copy to be submitted.