

FAQs: Election Day Duties 7 am – 8 pm

Q: How do we, as Providers and/or Self-Providers, reconcile Presidential Only electors in SVRS? Also can this elector fill out a registration form to be entered at a later date, or does this person have to register later?

A: The short answer is you use the Add Federal Voter quick task and use a status of Active – Presidential Only Ballot. The 2008 instructions are being updated because of the new fields on the Voter and Absentee Application screens. Clerks will be notified when the instructions are available.

Q: the answer regarding the ineligible list was not clear. We are providers for two municipalities. We only provide list for their municipality not for the entire county.

A: That is correct.

Q: Can a person use a check from their checkbook?

A: No, the law says "check or other document issued by a unit of government". So the check must be from a unit of government.

Q: This is for voters who have moved into Wisconsin from another state only?

A: Correct.

Q: What is the difference between new resident from another state less than 28 days and new resident less than 28 days?

A: If they are from out of state, they can vote Presidential only. If they are from somewhere inside WI, they have to go back to where they last had residence to vote.

Q: So what is the difference between a bank statement which shows name address bank name and account number and a check which has the same information?

A: That's the law, sorry, I can't explain why the Legislature wrote it the way they did.

Q: Last election - Partisan Primary - an absentee voter did not choose a party - then voted for offices in every party. They did not remake the ballot because NO votes would count; it was "pushed it through" and noted such on the Incident Log. When tallying at the end of the night, the inspectors tried to count the 1 write-in on the ballot and couldn't get numbers to match the tape. I looked at it and immediately knew the write-in could not count because voter intent could not be determined. Was this ok, or should they have remade a blank ballot?

A: If there was a crossover, that invalidates the whole ballot. Write-ins still won't be counted because we cannot be certain what party ballot they intended to vote.

Q: Can you use the driver license as proof of residency?

A: If it has the current name and address and is valid on Election Day.

Q: So when filling out the GAB-131, they don't have to show the license, but they can use it for proof of residency if they choose?

A: If they are using the Driver License as Proof of Residence, they must show it to the inspectors. They do not need to show the DL if they are using something else as POR (they would show that document instead).

Q: Are there any electors who may not vote, even for the president, because they have not resided here for the necessary number of days and can't use gab 141?

A: People from within WI. The 139/141 can only be used for new WI residents. If someone just moved

within WI, they have to go back to the old municipality's polling place (or vote absentee).

Q: Do the military voters receive an official ballot in addition to the emailed ballot, in case they wish to vote on the hardcopy vs. email ballot. of course, only one ballot would be accepted.

A: They are only sent a single ballot (according to how they wished it to be transmitted).

Q: Where are the details of the audit?

A: we don't have the details of the 2012 audit yet, but here's a link to the 2008 audit procedures:
<http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voting-equipment/audit>.

Q: Please address steps election workers can take to prevent voter suppression activities on Election Day outside of the polls.

A: We plan to cover incidents such as this in the 2nd section, but please feel free to ask if you don't think we've hit that particular issue.

Q: So many people still question the accuracy of the optech because they fear a clerk could program the modem to count votes to support the clerk's candidate. what steps has the gab taken to disprove this concern? Will the gab conduct an audit of election results after the 11/6/12 election?

A: We continue to work to dispel those concerns by citing our testing and certification program, the clerk's public test, and the security tag/documentation of chain of custody documentation. we will be conducting an audit after the Nov 6 election.

Q: If someone knows their driver's license and tells you this how do you know if that is correct?

A: They don't have to provide you with the license to prove the number is correct.

Q: I have received a WI voter registration form for name change and change of address. The person has her driver license and 2 previous address along with her new address. She would still need proof of residence?

A: Not if they were previously registered in WI.

Q: We have both instances - homeless at shelters but also those who are transient. I'm sure we will have this happen after the close of registration so wanted to make sure so we can instruct staff. Thanks.

A: Please feel free to follow up outside the webinar and we can talk through this in more detail on the phone or via email.

Q: In the past, the GAB would receive the Auth. to Cancel GAB-139 and they forwarded to the other states.....can the GAB do that again?

A: No, it is up to the municipal clerk to forward the GAB-139 to the appropriate state of former residence.

Q: Ok - they won't have proof of residence on the park bench; therefore, they will be unable to register to vote. It's as simple as that.

A: If a homeless person doesn't have POR and they try to register on Election Day, yes, they will not be able to do so.

Q: Payroll Advice Statement is ok as well since many places now have direct deposit. It does contain name & address.

A: Yes, it is acceptable.

Q: That we do but do they need to then be placed in with the voted ballots on election night?

A: They should be secured with the other ballots, but in their own envelope, yes.

Q: If the homeless person goes to DMV for an ID, is it possible for them to "create an address" for the park bench? They could then use that as POR to register either before election day or at the polls.

A: I know DMV will issue IDs to PO Boxes, but I don't know that they would issue one to a bench.

Typically homeless voters get documentation from a shelter or other organization providing services to the homeless. Of course, we always encourage them to try to register during open registration when POR is not required.

Q: What about the spoiled ballots? Where do they go?

A: Spoiled ballots go into a spoiled ballots envelope, but I don't believe we have a GAB-specified form for that. Any separate envelope will do.

Q: Does the machine serial # from the M100 also have to be listed on the GAB-104 or is the seal # sufficient?

A: The GAB-104 asks for the machine serial number, the memory device serial number, and the tag number (for the tag protecting the memory device).

Q: The assistor signs & provides address in poll book? We have had our election official put the name & address in poll book. The assistor has been signing on the ballot in the place provided. That is a bit confusing if the assistor has to go back to the poll book table because sometimes we don't know until they are voting their ballot that someone is assisting. They would then go to the tabulator & then leave. That would really slow down the process if they must return to the poll book table.

A: You are correct. The inspectors record this information in the poll book. The assistor only signs on the ballot.

Q: If they are not required to register because they have not met the 28 day residency requirement, does the GAB-139 Auth. to Cancel Reg. serve as the documentation in place of that? Or is there something else?

A: They fill out the GAB-141 and provide proof of residence.

Q: Residency ? : homeless guy on a park bench for 28 days - he/she will not have an agency letter providing proof of living on the bench. Is the map drawing the bench sufficient and their signature swearing to it? Quest. 2: If park bench homeless person is not at bench for 28 days.....what do they do then? Do they go to the previous location where they were 28 days?

A: #1 - still need POR, #2 they go to where they previously had residence, although note that a person may be temporarily absent from their home (bench) and if they intend to return, can still be acquiring residency.

Q: How about a paycheck stub, or only paychecks?

A: stubs are fine if all the necessary information is there.

Q: Any dates set for the School District Clerk Training?

A: we don't train school district clerks, they are welcome to view our MCT training webinar online to get a sense of their election responsibilities, but they are not mandated to attend training from GAB like municipal clerks. We are planning another webinar, most likely mid-November that is targeted to school district clerks.

Q: On the Tally Sheet is always indicates that the County Clerk needs to sign, could this be changed on the form, indicating that the Municipal Clerk sign, so it's not confusing?

A: I'll have to follow up on this. It does look like the county clerk is supposed to sign when they receive the forms from the municipality. Not sure how well documented that is though.

Q: Tally Sheet-who should sign it as a clerk-the County Clerk or the Municipal Clerk when turning the ballots over to the county.

A: tally sheets are always signed at the local level, counties don't tally ballots.

Q: Just to clarify, that a DNR license, deer hunting license, hunter safety course, snowmobile course, turkey license? are acceptable for the proof of residency?

A: yes, all licenses issued by government or documents issued by a unit of government are acceptable POR if valid on Election Day and have the current name and address.

Q: If we are marking the ballot in anyway, isn't the voter losing his secret ballot?

A: yes, but they have asked for that assistance. To the extent you can assist without viewing the ballot, you are encouraged to do so.

Q: I read a newspaper article that we are to accept statements on iphones, computers, etc. Is this correct?

A: Correct.

Q: is the information you are going over available for us to have a hard copy in front of us as you go over it right now?

A: You can print it off from our website at: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/2570>.

Q: what if the statement is from Bank of America for a credit card?

A: It is on the election inspectors to determine if the statement is from a bank. Bank of America and other institutions blur these lines unfortunately.

Q: I am a relier for SVRS do I need to tell the CO who I send Absentee ballots to so they can mark it in the poll list they print for me? Or do I go through when I get the list and mark it?

A: No, you go through the list once you receive it from the county.

Q: Separate Ballot box required? That is only for one unit not different ballot styles? eg- we have 2 Congress District and school districts. I don't need separate boxes do I?

A: Correct. Per reporting unit. If you lump multiple ballot styles into one reporting unit, you can have just one ballot box. The goal is that at the end of the night, you don't need to sort out your ballots to do the counting.

Q: What about a newsletter a municipality mails to you?

A: If it is addressed to the voter by name and address, it could potentially fit the "document from a unit of government" category. The election inspectors make this determination at the polls. So for example, we've advised that "mass-mailings" such as something from the UW encouraging sales of Badger clothing, would not be acceptable. Items in this category are subject to the discretion of the inspectors to accept.

Q: Do we only need to provide the felon list for our municipality?

A: Yes.

Q: Can they complete registration if they have neither driver license or ss number?

A: Yes, they check the box indicating they have neither form of ID#.

Q: Are the paper presidential only ballots remade by inspectors immediately?

A: At the end of the night. Place it in the auxiliary bin until then.

Q: Pg 46, #iv. - Nursing Home absentees also have 2 sets of initials.

A: thanks for the feedback.

Q: Could they still register for the next election while they are there?

A: Yes, but we would recommend sending them to the clerk's office rather than processing it as an EDR, to avoid confusion.

Q: Is assisting a voter considered an incident that should be entered on the GAB-104 Inspector's Statement

A: Yes.

Q: Is there a residency time period for presidential voting only? I thought I heard 10 days

A: no, presidential voting is when you DON'T meet the residency requirement of 28 days (either in WI or where you went if you formerly lived in WI).

Q: What does "updating registration" mean, for which POR is not required?

A: name or address change, but they were previously registered in WI.

Q: What about a motel/hotel rec. from Feb. 2012. Should it be within 90 days? Should it have the motel/hotels names and days paying for?

A: we have said that for the motel/hotel statement, it should cover a period of 28 days before the election. It would also need the current name and address where the voter is "residing". Presumably the name of the hotel/motel would be included as well.

Q: I'm sorry I missed the part regarding letting you know I've attended the webinar?

A: Municipal clerks need to report their election training to us using the form found here: <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/mct-hours-reporting>. Clerks track the training taken by their election inspectors.

Q: I hope we're not taking a vote away from a valid candidate for a Mickey Mouse vote or some ridiculous write-in?

A: We don't judge the write-in. If they write-in a conceivable candidate, we count it and subtract from the printed candidate in that situation.

Q: I have had registration issues with older persons, wife or 18 year olds that live with someone but has nothing with their name and address on it.

A: that is a problem, but regrettably without corroboration as an option, they either need to register when POR is not required (open registration with clerk or SRD) or provide a POR.

Q: Just to confirm, no type of credit card statements or credit card companies soliciting by mail is valid.

A: correct.

Q: How is Google Inc issued by a unit of government

A: paycheck is separate POR, check or other unit of government is another category of POR.

Q: If they complete GAB 141 to vote this November do they then have to complete the GAB 131 for future elections?

A: Yes.

Q: Regarding former Wisconsin Residents, I was just searched the GAB website, wouldn't they actually use the GAB-140 rather than the GAB-141?

A: you are correct, the GAB-140 is for absentee, sorry!

Q: Sometimes a voter moves out of the municipality to a different state where they do not meet the residency requirements in the new state. What options do these voters have?

A: They can request an absentee ballot using the GAB-141 or they can come back in person.

Q: Will there/is there a flow chart for new resident/applying for presidential ballot?

A: No, but we'll take a look at it and see if we can put something together on it to post with the webinar recording.

Q: Can you use a vehicle registration for POR?

A: Document issued by a unit of government, correct, assuming it has current name and address for the voter.

Q: If a resident is just moving from one city in Wisconsin to another but doesn't meet the 28 day requirement, are they able to fill out the GAB-141 and vote for president only, or is this ONLY for people moving in to the state from another state?

A: Only for people from another state.

Q: What do clerks do with completed GAB-139s after the General Election?

A: Send to the appropriate state of former residence.

Q: What is someone moves to WI 18 days before the election and wants to register? Not 28 days or 10 days?

A: if they move into WI within our 28 day residency window, they could only vote for President via the GAB-139/141 process. They may have an option to vote from their old state, but they would need to check with that state's election office.

Q: Do electors that have not lived here for 28 days and are provided the 141 and 139 have to be added to the supplemental list and sign it?

A: Yes.

Q: Baseline training in August we were told that residents did not have to live in the municipality?

A: A person may be temporarily absent and still retain residency if they intend to return.

Q: POR - Why is a statement from a private internet provider acceptable as POR, but a statement from a private garbage hauler is not?

A: I think garbage bills could be considered utility bills, but I'd want to check with our staff attorneys. Please follow up after the webinar with a phone call or email and I'll confirm.

Q: The sample of HSBC is slightly misleading as that is a typical credit card company.

A: thanks for the feedback.

Q: If there was a problem with only one office, couldn't you override the ballot and it still count the other offices rather than remaking the ballot?

A: Some errors can't be overridden and require a remake, but yes, you can use the override for things like overvotes.

Q: Why is a credit card statement NOT an acceptable form of proof of residence?

A: Our staff attorneys have advised that it doesn't fit the legal definition. I can't really speculate on why the law is what it is.

Q: What about former WI resident form where someone can vote for President only?

A: GAB-140, available on the GAB website.

Q: Materials indicate elector must have resided in a district or ward for 28 consecutive days. Isn't it that the elector must reside at a PARTICULAR ADDRESS for 28 consecutive days, not ward or district?

A: the law is only ward or district, as that is what would affect their qualification to vote, registration is what is specific to a given address.

Q: Someone could live at two different addresses which are in the same ward or district for a total of 28 days and wouldn't qualify to register because they haven't lived at an ADDRESS for 28 days.

A: correct, but like I said, the law just says ward/district when discussing residency.

Q: Unlock polling place doors at 7 am? Shouldn't the polls open to the public from the time the Election Officials arrive so setup can be observed?

A: You open your doors before 7am to let in people to observe (or just stay warm!), but no one can vote before 7 am.

Q: Do we duplicate a Presidential only ballot so can be run through our tabulators?

A: You can remake the ballot or hand count it.

Q: Page 5 - voters do not have to show their proof of identification do they?

A: No. Proof of identification is not required. The reference on Page 5 was inadvertently left when we edited to remove references to identification.

Q: Credit card statements not issued by a bank are not proof of residence? i.e. Discover; VISA, etc

A: correct.

Q: Is there a separate Presidential Ballot only or do you issue a regular ballot and instruct them to vote presidential only?

A: Separate ballot.

Q: The proof of residence can be shown to you on someone's phone or an electrical device, correct?

A: correct, we will address this in more detail at the next webinar.

Q: The 28-day residency requirement - confirming that we take the voters word on this.

A: By signing the voter registration application, the voter is certifying that they meet the residency requirement.

Q: What if the driver license is from out of state?

A: An out of state DL will not work for as the identifying number in Box 2, that person would use the last 4 of the SSN.

Q: Milwaukee Co. has four lists as part of poll book (unique EDR sheet with signature column). It has caused some confusion because this "4th list" is not mentioned in GAB material.

A: thanks for the information.