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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
Milwaukee County Election Commission
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Milwaukee City Election Commission

FROM: Diane Lowe, Elections Specialist

DATE: October 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Type A Notice of 2016 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
and Other Information

TYPE A NOTICE OF 2016 SPRING ELECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE

The Type A Notice of the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote to be held on **April 5, 2016** has been posted to the G.A.B. website (<http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/3727>). At the spring election, Wisconsin will conduct a Presidential Preference Vote, which is a partisan primary at which Wisconsin voters express their preference for a Presidential nominee for the Republican and Democratic Parties.

Candidate names for the Presidential Preference Vote ballot will be certified no sooner than January 26, 2016. This is the deadline for a person whose name was not selected by the Presidential Preference Selection Committee to petition the Government Accountability Board for placement on the ballot. It is also the deadline for a candidate whose name was selected to file a disclaimer, thereby withdrawing their name from the ballot.

In addition to Notification of the Presidential Preference Vote, the Type A Notice contains all judicial offices to be elected throughout the state. Please select the judicial offices that are up for election in your county, and add any county offices, county referenda and multi-jurisdictional municipal judge offices. The combined Type A Notice of the 2016 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote must be published by all county clerks on November 24, 2015. Whenever a weekly newspaper is used for publication, the notice must appear in the newspaper's closest preceding issue.

Please send a copy of the Type A Notice to each municipal clerk or direct them to this communication. **Municipal clerks are required to publish a Type A notice of municipal offices on the same date, November 24, 2015.**

Note: If a Circuit Court Judge resigns on or before December 1, 2015, that office will be up for election at the 2016 Spring Election. If a vacancy occurs during this period, the affected county clerks will be notified and provided with an amended Type A Notice. **Milwaukee County:** Judge Noonan has submitted his resignation from Branch 31, which is not effective until November 30th.

Therefore, until December 1st, Branch 31 has not been vacated. After the effective date, an amended Type A Notice will be sent to you which includes Circuit Court Branch 31.

EXPLANATION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE/SUPERVISOR TERM EXPIRATION DATES

The statutes do not state when these terms officially end. They simply state when the term begins. The Type A Notice uses the day before the new term commences as the current term end date. If, due to your county's procedures, you are more comfortable with the expiration date of the term being the same as the date the new term begins, you may use that date.

County Executive

The expiration date of the term for the office of County Executive is April 18, 2016. County Executives take office on the third Tuesday in April, which is April 19, 2016.

For Milwaukee County, the expiration date of the term for the office of County Executive is May 1, 2016. County Executive in Milwaukee County takes office on the 1st Monday in May, which is May 2, 2016.

County Supervisor

The expiration date of the term for the office of County Supervisor is April 18, 2016. County Supervisors take office on the third Tuesday in April, which is April 19, 2016.

For Milwaukee County, the expiration date of the term for the office of County Supervisor is April 17, 2016. County Supervisors in Milwaukee County take office on the 3rd Monday in April, which is April 18, 2016.

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AT 2016 SPRING ELECTION

Justice of the Supreme Court – This office appears on all judicial ballots.

Court of Appeals, District 1 - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the county of Milwaukee.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 2 - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, and Winnebago.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 3 – This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas and Washburn Counties.

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4 - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood.

Circuit Court Judge - This office appears on the judicial ballot in the counties of Barron, Crawford, Dane, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Iowa, Juneau, Kewaunee, Lincoln, Marathon, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Pierce, Portage, Racine, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sauk, Vilas, Walworth and Winnebago.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

State Referendum Questions – At this time, there are no state referendum questions for the April 5, 2016 Spring Election. However, the legislature has until January 26, 2016 to direct that a referendum question be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. §8.37. We will monitor the activity of the legislature and keep you informed.

Deadline for Notification of Noncandidacy (GAB-163) - The deadline for filing the notification of noncandidacy for the 2016 Spring Election is Friday, December 25, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Since your office will likely be closed on the state-recognized holiday, the deadline falls to 5:00 pm on the next business day—Monday, December 28th. December 28th is not recognized as a state holiday. Therefore, even if your office is closed on the 28th, county, municipal and school district clerks, or their designees, must be available to receive Notifications of Noncandidacy until 5:00 p.m. on December 28th. The G.A.B. recommends that filing officers reach out to all incumbent office holders early in an effort to avoid potential filing issues during the holiday season.

Spring Primary and Spring Election Ballots – Ballots will be posted to the website soon.

Municipal Clerk Reminders – Please see the “Municipal Clerk Reminders” document posted here (<http://www.gab.wi.gov/node/3728>) that contains valuable planning information for the Spring Election.

If you have questions or comments regarding this memorandum, please contact the Help Desk at (608) 261-2028 or gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov.

Links embedded within this memo:

- Notice of Presidential Preference Vote and Judicial, County Executive and County Supervisor Election (Type A Notice)
- Municipal Clerk Reminders