

# Wisconsin Elections Updates

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Wisconsin Elections Commission



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## Greetings and Introductions

Who you are:

The best! Thank you for all of your hard work in support of Wisconsin elections!

Who we are:

- Richard Rydecki, Deputy Administrator
- Sara Linski, IT Project Manager

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## Agenda

1. Ballot Access
2. WisVote Updates
3. 4 Year List Maintenance
4. Legislative Update
5. BadgerBook Program Update
6. Clerk Advisory Committees

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Ballot Access

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**Ballot Access: Role of the Municipal Clerk**

- Serve as the filing officers for municipal offices.
- Keep detailed records of candidate filings and correspondence.
- Provide candidates with needed forms for ballot access,
- Provide candidates information regarding residency and other ballot qualification requirements for office.
- Receive and review proper ballot access documents to determine if candidate has met qualification requirements.
- Conduct a facial review of ballot access documents filed to ensure compliance and notify candidates of any errors or omissions.
- Provide access to public records upon request.

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**Who Files with Whom?**

Elections Commission	County Clerk	Municipal Clerk	School Board Clerk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for federal offices</li> <li>• Candidates for state offices</li> <li>• Candidates for circuit court judge</li> <li>• Candidates for district attorney</li> <li>• Recall committees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for county office</li> <li>• Candidates for multi-jurisdictional municipal judge</li> <li>• Recall committees</li> <li>• Referendum committees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for municipal office</li> <li>• Recall committees</li> <li>• Referendum committees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for school board office</li> <li>• Recall committees</li> <li>• Referendum committees</li> </ul>

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### Ballot Access Documents

- Campaign Registration Statement (CF-1)
  - May have filed earlier due to campaign finance requirements, but if not, must file no later than the nomination paper deadline (January 4<sup>th</sup> in 2022).
- Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162)
- Nomination Papers (EL-169)
- Statement of Economic Interests (ETH-1)
  - Filed with the Ethics Commission by candidates for municipal judge no later than the Friday following the nomination paper deadline (January 7<sup>th</sup> in 2022).
  - A municipality may enact an ordinance to require candidates for other municipal offices to file a similar disclosure with the municipal clerk.

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### Ballot Access Checklists

- Ballot Access Checklist 2022 Municipal Candidates – Caucus (ELIS-6)
  - For municipalities that use the caucus system and do not hold a primary for a local contest
- Ballot Access Checklist 2022 Municipal Candidates – Nomination Papers (ELIS-7)
  - For municipalities that use nomination papers to determine if a primary is required for a contest on the ballot

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### Ballot Access Check-In Procedures

- Provide candidate with receipt indicating the approximate number of pages and signatures submitted and date.
- Create a candidate folder that includes copies of receipt, DOC (if submitted) and nomination papers.
- Determine and advise candidate of any outstanding documentation and deadline to submit.
- Review nomination papers in a timely manner and inform candidate of any problems or omissions.

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### Reviewing Papers and Determining Sufficiency

- Nomination Paper Review Guide
  - The nomination paper review guide includes an overview of the required information for each section of the nomination paper form, a marked-up sample petition page and some common scenarios and their treatment. <https://elections.wi.gov/publications/video/NomPaperReviewGuidance>
- Nomination Paper Review Training Video
  - The training video outlines the nomination paper review process, the nomination paper form and provides tips and guidance on the review process. <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/guidance>
- Nomination Paper Review Interactive Training – New!
  - This interactive tutorial walks you through reviewing nomination papers (or recall petitions) and provides you with relevant examples to sharpen your skills. Currently located on WEC’s online Learning Center.

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### Resources for Candidates

- Resources are currently posted here: <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/nomination-papers>
- Candidate Ballot Access Procedures Guide
  - Guide for ballot access that can be shared with candidates looking to get on the ballot.
- Ballot Access in WI Video: <https://vimeo.com/546136853>
  - This video walks candidates through the ballot access and filing process and provides them with tips on successful signature collection and document filing.
- Completing Nomination Papers At-A-Glance
  - 3-page document that outlines each section of the nomination paper petition page and provides a sample of a reviewed page.

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### Other Resources for Clerks

- Challenge Information Sheet: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6922>
- Common Nomination Paper Challenges Manual
- Caucus Manual – Procedures for Nomination of Candidates by Caucus
- Election Administration Manual (Rev. 2020-09): <https://elections.wi.gov/publications/manuals>

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WisVote Updates

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Recent Updates

<p><b>WisVote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voter Felon Audit</li> <li>• Registration List Alerts</li> </ul>	<p><b>MyVote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgraded in May 2021</li> <li>• Email updates coming on June 17, 2021</li> </ul>
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2021 Major Projects

**Major Projects**

- Redistricting Preparations
- Badger Book
- Mailings
  - 4-Year Maintenance
  - ERIC Movers
- AccessElections
- Election Results
- WEC Website Redesign

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2021 Minor Projects

<p><b>WisVote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-Digit Zip codes</li> <li>• IMB on Return Absentee Ballot Labels</li> <li>• Election Reconciliation</li> <li>• Absentee</li> <li>• Confidential Voter</li> <li>• Election Worker</li> <li>• Bulk letter printing</li> </ul>	<p><b>MyVote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election Inspector sign-up</li> <li>• Absentee Options Revamp</li> </ul>
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4-Year List Maintenance

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4-Year List Maintenance: The Basics

- List maintenance that is required by state law
- Happens every 2 years (despite the name)
- Voters who are registered and who have not voted in the last 4 years (hence the name) are required to be contacted
- WEC creates the list of these voters on behalf of the municipalities
- WEC prepares and mails the cards to the voters, but the return address for the cards is the clerk's mailing address
- Voters who receive the cards have 30 days to respond and request continuation
- Municipal clerks are required to process returned cards (both continuations and undeliverables)

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### 4-Year List Maintenance: The Details

- Cards are expected to be mailed directly to voters on or around June 15, 2021
- 186,982 cards will be mailed to Wisconsin voters
- Voters will have to sign and return the card to remain active on the voter registration list
- Clerks have to process requests for continuation and cards returned as undeliverable in WisVote (or work with their WV provider to complete this task)
- **WEC will deactivate any voter records for those who received a card and who did not return it**
- Inactivated voters can reregister by filling out a registration form and providing proof of residence

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### 4-Year Maintenance: Timeline

- **June 9 – June 14: Training.** Clerks Review the WisVote training materials attached to this communication and the pre-recorded webinar available on The Learning Center (TLC) [WisVote 2021 Four-Year Maintenance](#) (password required). WisVote tracking instructions can be found [WisVote News](#).
- **June 15: Postcards Mailed.** The Notice of Suspension of Registration postcards will be mailed to voters identified as having not voted within the previous four years. Voters sent a postcard will have their voter status in WisVote set to "Active" with a status reason of "Suspended." Please refer to the training materials above for instructions on how to view the list of voters sent a four-year maintenance post card.
- **July 15: Deadline for Voter Response.** Deadline for voters to respond with an Application for Continuation of Registration. Voters who did not request continuation, or whose Notice of Suspension of Registration was not returned to the clerk by July 15, 2021, will have their voter status changed to "Inactive" with a status reason of "4-Year Maintenance." Directions for processing postcards that are returned after July 15, 2021 are found in the FAQs posted with the training materials.
- **July 31: Last Day to Receive Cards.** Last day for clerks to process returned postcards. Voters who were sent a postcard and are Active-Suspended status will be deactivated on July 31, 2021.
- **August 1: WEC Deactivates.** The WEC posts the voter record maintenance statistics online see Wis. Stats. §6.50 (2r). Therefore, it is imperative that clerks process all returned and undeliverable postcards in WisVote.

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### The Postcard: Outgoing Version



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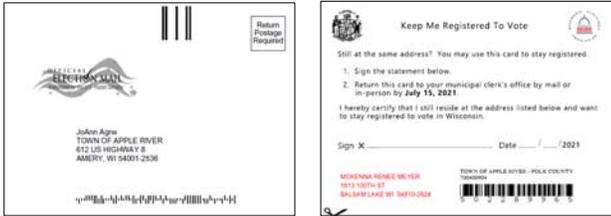
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### The Postcard: The Return Version



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### WisVote Procedures

- Clerks must record all undeliverable postcards in the system
- All continuation request cards returned by the voter should be recorded
- Reliers must provide undeliverable and continuation to their WisVote provider
- WEC will deactivate all records of voters who did not return their card by the deadline
- Training materials on WisVote procedures posted to online Learning Center and WisVote News

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### Legislative Update

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**BadgerBook Updates**  
Electronic Pollbook Program

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**BadgerBook Electronic Pollbook System**

- Software developed by WEC
- Use is optional
- Does not connect to the internet
- 76 Municipalities currently use BadgerBooks
- Primary functions
  1. Check in voters
  2. Collect Election Day Registrations
  3. Process absentee ballots
  4. Upload EDR and voter participation directly to WisVote

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**BadgerBook (cont.)**

- Why use it:
  - Usability, data quality, consistency, post-election efficiencies
- Challenges:
  - Cost, poll worker anxiety, setup requirements

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BadgerBook Program: 2021 Goals

Ready for everyone:

- New hardware option(s)
- Contracted hardware support options
- Software Updates
- Updated Training
  - Interactive online tutorials
  - Train-the-Trainer program

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Clerk Advisory Committees

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Clerk Advisory Committees

4 Committees to join:

1. Training
2. Communications/WEC Website Redesign
3. WisVote/IT Projects
4. Elections Security

Email [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov) to express interest in any of the committees. We need your feedback and Wisconsin elections benefit from your participation!

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Final Questions?

Thank you!



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