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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Diane Lowe, Elections Specialist
Wisconsin Elections Commission

DATE: October 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Type A Notice of 2019 Spring Election and Other Information

This memo contains information regarding the Type A Notice of the 2019 Spring Election, Offices up for election and the notification of noncandidacy deadline.

Type A Notice of 2019 Spring Election

Included with this communication is the Type A notice of the Spring Election to be held on **April 2, 2019**, which contains all judicial offices to be elected throughout the state, including the statewide office of Justice of the Supreme Court. *All counties notice the office of Justice of the Supreme Court.* Please select the other judicial offices that are up for election in your county, and add any county offices, multi-jurisdictional municipal judges and/or county referenda. The Type A Notice of the 2019 Spring Election must be published by all county clerks on November 27, 2018. Whenever a weekly newspaper is used for publication, the notices appear in the newspaper's closest preceding issue.

Please provide a copy of the Type A Notice to each municipal clerk in your county for their information. Municipal clerks are required to publish a Type A notice of municipal offices on the same date, November 27, 2018.

Note: If a Circuit Court Judge or Court of Appeals Judge resigns on or before December 1, 2018, that office will be up for election at the 2019 Spring Election. If a vacancy occurs during this period, we will contact the affected county clerks and provide an amended Type A Notice.

Explanation of County Executive/County Supervisor Term Expiration Dates

The Type A Notice displays the expiration date of the terms of office for County Executive and County Supervisor as April 15, 2019. This is the day before winning candidates take office on the third Tuesday in April (April 16, 2019).

The statutes do not definitively provide when the terms for County Executive and County Supervisor officially end. They simply state when the terms begin. 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.

Offices to be Elected at the 2019 Spring Election

Justice of the Supreme Court – This office appears on the judicial ballot in all counties.

Court of Appeals, 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.

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 Brown, Dane, Dodge, Jefferson, La Crosse, Lafayette, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, St. Croix, Waukesha.

Additional Information

Please share this information with your municipal clerks.

State Referendum Questions – At this time, there are no state referendum questions or constitutional amendments for the April 2, 2019 Spring Election. However, the legislature has until January 24, 2017 to direct that a referendum question be placed on the ballot, so the possibility still looms. Wis. Stat. § 8.37. We will monitor the activity of the legislature and keep you informed.

Deadline for Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) - The deadline for filing the Notification of Noncandidacy for the 2019 Spring Election is Friday, December 21, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. State law does not provide an exemption from or an additional postponement for the deadline to file a Notification of Noncandidacy when the office of a filing officer is closed on a day that is not recognized as a state holiday. Therefore, even if a filing office is closed on December 21st for an extended holiday, local filing officers, including school district clerks, or their designees, must be available on December 21st to receive the Notification forms until the 5:00 p.m. deadline.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or elections@wi.gov.

Attachment: Type A Notice of Spring Election