

Appendix A: Clerk Responses to G.A.B Staff Early Voting Survey

Question 1: Name

Question 2: Position

Question 3: Are you a municipal or county clerk?

County Clerk: 67 Municipal Clerk 266

Question 4: How satisfied are you with current in-person absentee voting?

Completely Satisfied:	108	32.4%
Somewhat Satisfied:	72	21.6%
Neither:	27	8.1%
Somewhat Unsatisfied:	84	25.2%
Completely Unsatisfied:	24	7.2%
No Response:	18	5.4%
Total Responses:	333	100.0%

Question 5: In your opinion, how much demand would there be for early voting in your county/municipality?

No Demand:	76	22.8%
Little Demand:	145	43.5%
Moderate Demand:	76	22.8%
High Demand:	24	7.2%
No Response:	12	3.6%
Total Responses:	333	100.0%

Question 6a: In your opinion, what are the pros of adopting Option A, Regional Early Voting Districts?

Less burden/impact on small municipalities:	19	35.2%
Voter Convenience:	18	33.3%
Uniformity:	4	7.4%
Other:	13	24.1%
Total Responses:	54	100.0%

Question 6b: In your opinion, what are the cons of adopting Option A, Regional Early Voting Districts?

Cost/Expense:	143	44.0%
Voter Inconvenience/Travel/Confusion:	52	16.0%
Staffing:	32	9.8%
Loss of Local Control/Hard to Share Control:	28	8.6%
Unnecessary:	27	8.3%
Security/Integrity:	17	5.2%
Other:	26	8.0%
Total Responses:	325	100.0%

Question 7a: In your opinion, what are the pros of adopting Option B, Municipalities Opt In to Early Voting?

Local Control/Flexibility:	34	40.0%
Ability to Opt Out:	16	18.8%
Need in Larger Cities:	10	11.8%
Voter Convenience:	4	4.7%
Staffing:	4	4.7%
Other:	17	20.0%
Total Responses:	85	100.0%

Question 7b: In your opinion, what are the cons of adoption Option B, Municipalities Opt In to Early Voting?

Cost/Expense:	96	38.1%
Inconsistency/Confusion:	84	33.3%
Not Necessary:	21	8.3%
Staffing:	21	8.3%
Security:	14	5.6%
Other:	16	6.3%
Total Responses:	252	100.0%

Question 8a: In your opinion, what are the pros of adopting Option C, Streamlining Absentee Voting?

Best Option/Could Work:	64	29.2%
Paperwork/Efficiency:	55	25.1%
More Cost Effective:	37	16.9%
Consistency for Voter/Staff:	22	10.0%
Earlier Cut Off Date:	16	7.3%
Other:	25	11.4%
Total Responses:	219	100.0%

Question 8b: In your opinion, what are the cons of adoption Option C, Streamlining Absentee Voting?

Cost/Expense	18	16.1%
Security/Integrity	18	16.1%
Not Necessary	13	11.6%
Staffing	11	9.8%
Confusion/Sign In Sheets:	11	9.8%
Doesn't Go Far Enough:	4	3.6%
Other:	37	33.0%
Total Responses:	112	100.0%

Question 9: What early voting option would you prefer?

Option A:	7	2.1%
Option B:	17	5.1%
Option C:	161	48.3%
Combination of Options:	28	8.4%
Keep Absentee As Is:	93	27.9%
Another Option	12	3.6%
No Response:	15	4.5%
Total Responses:	333	100.0%

Question 10: Why did you choose your answer to the above question?

Major Changes Unnecessary:	93	26.7%
Cost/Expense:	85	24.4%
Need to Curtail Voting Period/Same Day Registration/Require Excuse for Absentees:	32	9.2%
Efficiency/Reduce Paperwork:	32	9.2%
Uniformity/Consistency:	19	5.5%
Staffing:	16	4.6%
Voter Convenience:	15	4.3%
Security:	13	3.7%
Flexibility:	8	2.3%
Other:	35	10.1%
Total Responses:	348	100.0%

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Question 11: Do you have any other comments on Early Voting?

Many comments repeated the concerns detailed above. Some other comments were:

The time between the Primary and Election is too short.

We need plenty of lead time to budget and plan for any changes.

Concern about how to treat the ballot if the voter is deceased.

Please do not impose weekend voting!

My municipality or county would be willing to help with a pilot (but only if the state pays).

Consider having Election Day over a two-day period.

Counties should run (and pay for) elections, rather than municipalities.

Thank you for the opportunity to give input.

DRE's are not practical, because they take too long to vote on.

Consider changes to central count procedures.

Appendix B: Public Responses to G.A.B Staff Early Voting Survey

Which meeting did you attend?

Fitchburg:	14	14.3%
La Crosse:	4	4.1%
Kenosha:	4	4.1%
West Allis:	16	16.3%
Wausau:	11	11.2%
Green Bay:	13	13.3%
Eau Claire:	11	11.2%
Rice Lake:	23	23.5%
Not Reported:	2	2.0%
Total:	98	100.0%

Question 1: Age:

18-29:	6	6.1%
30-49:	10	10.2%
50-69:	54	55.1%
70+:	26	26.5%
No Response:	2	2.0%
Total:	98	100.0%

Question 2: County:

Question 3: Municipality:

City/Town/Village:

Town:	34	34.7%
Village	3	3.1%
City	21	21.4%
None selected:	40	40.8%
Total:	98	100.0%

Question 4: Approximately how often do you vote?

Never:	0	0.0%
Every four years:	1	1.0%
Every two years:	1	1.0%
Almost every election:	21	21.4%
Every election:	74	75.5%
None selected:	1	1.0%
Total Responses:	98	100.0%

Question 5: Have you previously voted in-person absentee at your clerk's office before Election Day?

Yes:	53	54.1%
No:	45	45.9%
Total:	98	100.0%

Question 6: How often do you vote in-person absentee in your clerk's office?

Rarely:	23	43.4%
Occasionally:	14	26.4%
Most elections:	9	17.0%
Every election:	7	13.2%
None selected:	0	0.0%
Total:	53	100.0%

Question 7: If you circled Yes for question 5: When voting in-person at the clerk's office, have you been satisfied with the experience?

Yes:	49	94.2%
No:	3	5.8%
Total:	52	100.0%

Question 8a: In your opinion, what are the pros of adopting Option A, Regional Early Voting Districts?

Voter Convenience:	6	27.3%
Less burden/impact on small municipalities:	4	18.2%
Uniformity:	3	13.6%
Security	2	9.1%
Other:	7	31.8%
Total Responses:	22	100.0%

Question 8b: In your opinion, what are the cons of adopting Option A, Regional Early Voting Districts?

Cost/Expense:	32	35.2%
Security/Integrity:	14	15.4%
:Loss of Local Control/Hard to Share Control:	12	13.2%
Voter Inconvenience/Travel/Confusion	9	9.9%
Unnecessary:	8	8.8%
Staffing:	5	5.5%
Other:	11	12.1%
Total Responses:	91	100.0%

Question 9a: In your opinion, what are the pros of adopting Option B, Municipalities Opt In to Early Voting?

Local Control/Flexibility:	11	44.0%
Ability to Opt Out:	6	24.0%
Need in Larger Cities:	1	4.0%
Voter Convenience:	1	4.0%
Staffing:	1	4.0%
Other:	5	20.0%
Total Responses:	25	100.0%

Question 9b: In your opinion, what are the cons of adoption Option B, Municipalities Opt In to Early Voting?

Inconsistency/Confusion:	22	38.6%
Cost/Expense:	18	31.6%
Security:	6	10.5%
Staffing:	3	5.3%
Other:	8	14.0%
Total Responses:	57	100.0%

Question 10a: In your opinion, what are the pros of adopting Option C, Streamlining Absentee Voting?

Cost Effective:	10	24.4%
Paperwork/Efficiency:	8	19.5%
Best Option:	7	17.1%
Consistency for Voter/Staff:	3	7.3%
Oppose No Excuse/In-Person Absentee:	3	7.3%
Local Control:	2	4.9%
Voter Convenience	2	4.9%
Other:	6	14.6%
Total Responses:	41	100.0%

Appendix B: Public Responses to G.A.B Staff Early Voting Survey

Question 10b: In your opinion, what are the cons of adoptin Option C, Streamlining Absentee Voting?

Security/Integrity:	7	20.6%
Cost/Expense	6	17.6%
Not Necessary	4	11.8%
Absentee Voting is difficult/undesirable:	3	8.8%
Voter can't change mind:	2	5.9%
Other:	12	35.3%
Total Responses:	34	100.0%

Question 11: What early voting option would you prefer?

Option A:	4	4.1%
Option B:	8	8.2%
Option C:	30	30.6%
Combination of Options:	7	7.1%
Keep Absentee As Is:	22	22.4%
Another Option	9	9.2%
No Response:	18	18.4%
Total Responses:	98	100.0%

Question 12: Why did you choose your answer to the above question?

Major Changes Unnecessary:	17	20.2%
Cost/Expense:	17	20.2%
Security:	12	14.3%
Need to Curtail Voting Period/Same Day		
Registration/Require Excuse for Absentees:	9	10.7%
Efficiency/Reduce Paperwork:	7	8.3%
Flexibility:	5	6.0%
Uniformity/Consistency:	4	4.8%
Voter Convenience:	3	3.6%
Other:	10	11.9%
Total Responses:	84	100.0%

Question 13: What suggestions do you have for implementing early voting?

Many comments repeated the concerns detailed above. Some other comments were:

By mail may be a better option.

In the larger cities, add more polling places to shorten lines (on Election Day).

In the future – electronic voting.

Wait until current voting machines are obsolete.

Focus instead on Voter ID

.Move slowly, continue to get word out and ask for more feedback.

Implement online registration instead of Early Voting.

Don't give poll workers another list to look through.

Question 14: Besides being a voter, do you have an additional role in administering or evaluating elections?

No other role:	16	16.3%
Poll Worker:	38	38.8%
Municipal/County Clerk:	5	5.1%
Other Government Official:	16	16.3%
Interest/Community Group:	19	19.4%
Member of a Political Party:	24	24.5%
Poll Watcher/Observer:	4	4.1%
Other:	1	1.0%
Total:	98	100.0%

Question 15: In terms of your additional election administration role(s), how would early voting in Wisconsin affect your area(s) of interest?

Increase Cost/Strain Budget:	16	33.3%
Increase Voter Convenience:	8	16.7%
Increase Fraud/Decrease Security:	6	12.5%
No Benefit/No Change:	5	10.4%
Create Confusion/Inconsistency:	2	4.2%
Would Create Staffing Issues:	2	4.2%
Other:	9	18.8%
Total:	48	100.0%