



SVRS Project Update #58

Wisconsin State Elections Board

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Election Alert #1 is a Must Read Document Introducing Must Do Activities

Earlier this week, [Election Alert #1, Detecting Ineligible Voters](#), was distributed to all clerks as a high priority communication. The election alert contains essential information about two lists being delivered via UPS from the Elections Board: the **Ineligible Voter List** and **Wisconsin Deaths 2003-2006**. County clerks will distribute the lists to each municipality in their county immediately. Instructions on how to use the lists are packaged with the lists.

The **Ineligible Voter List** identifies individuals who, due to a felony conviction, are ineligible to vote in the fall primary election and who have an address within a municipality in the county. Wisconsin Act 451 requires the list to be at all polling places on election day, for the September primary, and all elections going forward.

Wisconsin Deaths 2003-2006 lists all recorded deaths in Wisconsin counties in the years 2003 through 2006. Prior to printing and distributing poll books for the September primary, information is being provided so that clerks may cross-check the data on recorded deaths against voter registration records. This list may not be used by poll workers at polling places on election day.

Deadline for Printing Poll Books is September 11

Last week's update indicated that the printing of poll books "may" take place between August 30 and September 11 in order to be ready for the September 12 primary. Some clerks have been in touch with SVRS to ask why they had to wait to print poll books until August 30 when voter registration closed on August 23, twenty days prior to the primary, in accordance with Wisconsin Act 451. Other clerks were in touch with SVRS staff to explain why they were proceeding to print official poll books as soon after registration closed as possible.

The Elections Board strongly encourages clerks to wait until August 30 or later to start printing official poll books. There are valid reasons to take into account before choosing an earlier, rather than later, date to print.

- Once the poll book is printed, anyone who registers after that will not show up on any poll list and will be required to provide a Certificate of Registration at the polling place. Although all late registrants will have received a Certificate of Registration, only those not appearing on the printed poll list will be required to provide it at the polling place on election day. Providers are reminded to share late registrations with Reliers.
- A new poll book format is due to be loaded into SVRS next week. Poll books printed prior to August 30 will use a soon-to-be outdated poll book format.
- Voters who register by mail are not late registrants if the postmark on the envelope is August 23 or before. Mail registrations postmarked August 23 and received in the clerk's office after those dates are not considered to be late registrations. Those applications should be entered into the system and appear on official poll books.
- Poll workers will need to manually enter voter information on the Supplemental Poll List from those electors who provide a Certificate of Registration at the polling place.
- Providers should consider how long it takes to print and deliver poll books. Give yourself a reasonable timeframe to deliver poll books to polling places on time.

SVRS Election Checklist: Part II Sent to Users for 2006 Partisan Primary

The [SVRS Election Checklist: Part II](#) provides step-by-step instructions for SVRS users from the close of voter registration, August 23, through printing official poll books and the check-off of milestone #5. The checklist can be downloaded from the SEB Web site also. SVRS specialists are available to assist with the checklist.

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