

UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION



VOTER REGISTRATION SURVEY

The following form should be completed on-line or in electronic format. Completed forms should be returned to the United States Election Assistance Commission via email to Survey_Response@eac.gov on or before March 31, 2005.

Please complete all of the fields below. Specific instructions relative to certain fields are found at the end of this form. If your question or concern is not answered in the instructions section of this form, please contact Brian Hancock at 202-566-3100.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION:

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TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election

Registered voters for the 2002 Federal Election: 2,308,923 (this number includes early, late and election day registration.)

2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election

Wisconsin does not have inactive registered voters.

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

Voter registration for the 2004 Federal Elections: 2,955,114 (this number includes early, late and Election day registration.)

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

Wisconsin does not have inactive registered voters.

5. Total number of registered voters who were determined to be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2004 election through the provisional voting process.

376 Provisional ballots were issued.
120 Provisional ballots were counted.

6. Were there any voter registration applications received prior to the deadline for registering to vote in the November 2, 2004 election that were not processed in time for the election?

✓ Yes No

VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICIALS:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.

Municipal Clerks

8. Identify each and every other state or local government office or agency that conducts voter registration including (a) motor vehicle offices, (b) all offices that provide public assistance that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (c) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (d) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (e) all other agencies designated by the State.

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

9. Identify whether voter registration forms are received by local registration officials or state registration officials.

✓ Local State Both

10. Identify whether voter registration forms are processed by local registration officials or state registration officials.

✓ Local State Both

11. Total number of election jurisdictions conducting voter registration

347/1850 municipalities conducted voter registration during the 2004 Federal Elections.

12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey

1850

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

13. Total number of voter registration applications received from all sources during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

14. Total number of **mail** voter registration applications (including state, federal, and military or overseas forms that are accepted) received during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

15. Total number of voter registration applications received **in person in the clerk or voter registrars' office** during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

16. Total number voter registration applications received from each voter registration agency, including (1) motor vehicle offices, (2) all public assistance agencies that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (3) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (4) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (5) all other agencies designated by the State (those identified in response to question 8), during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal general election

Motor Vehicle Offices

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

Offices that provide Public Assistance

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

Armed Forces recruitment offices Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

Other agencies designated by the State Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

20. How are voter registration applications transferred from other voter registration agencies (see question 16) to the official responsible for voter registration? (i.e. email, VPN, tape, disk, mail, fax)

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

21. What, if any, training is provided to employees of voter registration agencies on the voter registration process?

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

22. Identify any restrictions on the acceptance of voter registration applications such as paper weight, fax, electronic, mail (for non-NVRA states), batch, third-party delivery, etc.

In order to process a voter registration application, a Wisconsin Department of Transportation – issued driver’s license or identification card number must be supplied. If an elector does not have either

a Wisconsin Department of Transportation driver's license or identification card, they must provide the last 4 digits of their Social Security Number.

23. Total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

PROCESSING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

24. How are voter registration applications maintained (e.g., paper or computerized)?

✓ Paper Computerized Other

If other is selected, please specify the method of maintaining records.

Some municipalities use a computerized system.

25. How does the registration official check for duplicate registrations?

Presently duplication is looked for either manually (going through the files) or electronically.

26. Does your State check for duplicate voter registrations across state lines?

Yes **No**

27. What type of number is used as a voter registration number (e.g., social security number, unique identifier)? If a unique identifier is used, please identify what method is used for assigning the identified (e.g., random, combination of county number and other number)

Social Security Number (4 digits) Driver's License Number

Social Security Number (9 digits) Unique Identifier

Other

No current system in place statewide.

28. Are applicants who are rejected notified of the rejection and reason for rejection?

✓ Yes No

29. How many removal notices (Section 8(d)(2) confirmation notices) were sent between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?

Wisconsin is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act because we offer election day registration.

31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

32. How many voters were ultimately removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

LIST MAINTENANCE:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

33. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of the **death of the voter**?

Wisconsin does not have inactive voters.

34. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 due to **failure to vote in two consecutive federal general elections**?

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

35. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because the **voter requested to be removed**?

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

36. How many voters were moved from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of **disqualifying felony convictions**?

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

37. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 for reasons other than those set forth in questions 33 – 36? Please specify the reason for the removal.

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

38. What sources of data are considered in performing list maintenance (e.g., returned election notices, returned jury summons, Postal Service NCOA information, house-to-house canvasses, etc.)?

Postal Service NCOA information

39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (E.g., is the process electronic or manual)

List maintenance varies from one municipality to another.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?

Local, municipal clerks

41. How does your State treat voters who (a) have been convicted of a felony, (b) are serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony, and (c) are serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony?

(a) Convicted of a felony

Section 6.03 (1)(b), Wis. Stats. Any person convicted of treason, felony or bribery, unless the persons' civil rights are restored. (Civil rights are restored when the term of sentence, including probation or parole, is completed.)

(b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony

Section 6.03 (1)(b), Wis. Stats. Any person convicted of treason, felony or bribery, unless the persons' civil rights are restored. (Civil rights are restored when the term of sentence, including probation or parole, is completed.)

(c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony

Section 6.03 (1)(b), Wis. Stats. Any person convicted of treason, felony or bribery, unless the persons' civil rights are restored. (Civil rights are restored when the term of sentence, including probation or parole, is completed.)

NVRA AND HAVA PROVISIONS:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

42. Is your State subject to the National Voter Registration Act?

Yes

No

43. Has your State revised its state voter or mail voter registration form to include the citizenship and age questions required by HAVA?

✓ Yes

No

44. How does your State treat applications where one or more of the HAVA mandated questions (citizenship and age) are not answered?

Wisconsin accepts the application. Electors are required to sign their application certifying "... I meet the eligibility requirements of the State of Wisconsin, and that the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both under Federal or State laws."

45. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?"

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

46. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question "Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?"

Wisconsin does not require this information to be tracked.

47. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for new mail registrations?

✓ Yes No

48. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for all new registrations?

✓ Yes No

49. How does your State verify voter registration applications (e.g., tracking the return of disposition notices, checks against drivers license and social security administration records, etc.)?

Section 6.32, Wis. Stats. Verification of mail registration and Wis. Stats. Section 6.56 Verification of voters not appearing on list. In summary individuals that have registered either by mail or during late registration or on election day will be sent a 1st class postcard verifying the address given at registration.

50. Has your State implemented a statewide voter registration database?

Yes **No**

If the answer is no, when will your State implement a statewide voter registration database and what progress has been made toward achieving that implementation?

Statewide voter registration will go into effect January 1, 2006. Progression to date includes: Development of voter registration program, municipal based training on voter registration system and input, timetable to test sessions, full functional on December 15, 2005.

Does the database or any solicitation for such a database include linking disability and social service agencies to the database in a similar manner as the state department of motor vehicles?

Yes **No**

51. Does your State allow outside groups to conduct voter registration drives and submit the voter registration applications to the local registration official for processing?

✓ Yes No

52. How does your State manage the number of applications given to the outside group and the number and timing of the return of those forms by the outside registration group?

Municipal clerks have discretion over the distribution and submission or registration application from outside groups.

53. Does your State use serial numbers on voter registration applications given to outside groups and organizations in order to be able to identify which group or organization handled completed applications that are received by State and local officials?

Yes **No**

54. Does your State permit agents of outside groups to be paid compensation for registering voters?

✓ Yes No

If so, may the agent be paid on the basis of the number of voter registrations submitted?

✓ Yes No

If payment of a voter registration is prohibited, what is the penalty for violating the prohibition?

N/A

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Please respond to the following questions in the blanks provided below.

55. Are voter registration records public information?

✓ Yes No

56. Are voter registrations available for sale to the public?

✓ Yes No

Instructions:

Please answer every question. Do not leave any questions blank. The appropriate answer may be “0”, “none”, or “N/A”. This survey seeks information only from the State level.