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Wisconsin Spring Election Features Important State Races

Supreme Court Tops the Ballot

MADISON, WI – The state ballot for Tuesday’s Spring Election includes contests for Wisconsin Supreme Court and State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There will also be 16 contested races for Circuit Court Judge in 15 counties.

In addition, there are many local races on municipal and county ballots, such as contests for city council, town board and county executive, across Wisconsin. G.A.B. Director Kevin Kennedy expects voter turnout to be moderate.

“For past contested Supreme Court races, voters came out to vote at a rate of twenty percent, and for Superintendent of Public Instruction, eighteen percent,” Kennedy said. “We expect a twenty percent turnout this coming Tuesday.”

For the sixth state election in a row, Wisconsin Elections Division staff will be visiting a variety of state polling places to evaluate their accessibility for people with disabilities and the elderly.

“We are serious about our charge to ensure accessibility for all voters,” said Elections Division Administrator Nat Robinson. “Our staff will once again be measuring a variety of compliance factors such as the width of doorways, the incline of access ramps and the number of accessible parking spots.”

Assuring full accessibility is everyone’s business. Cities such as Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee and Wauwatosa also are sending out staff to evaluate polling places on Tuesday. A copy of the G.A.B. polling place accessibility survey may be found on the Elections Division website – <http://elections.wi.gov> – under “Accessibility,” then “Resources for Clerks & Poll Workers.”

“The offices on the ballot Tuesday are important to our education and criminal justice systems, as well as local public policy,” Robinson said. “I urge voters to participate.”

Wisconsin has uniform polling place hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters who are unsure of their polling place location or registration status can use the Voter Public

Access website – at <https://vpa.wi.gov> – to check information online, or contact their municipal clerk.

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