

# Wisconsin Elections Commission: Spring Primary is February 21

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MADISON, WI – On Tuesday, February 21, all Wisconsin voters will have the opportunity to vote in a three-way primary for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Other races on the ballot include primaries for circuit court judge in Manitowoc, Polk and Trempealeau counties, as well as for other local officials.

For information about what is on your ballot, visit <https://MyVote.wi.gov>.

Historically, the Spring Primary is Wisconsin's lowest-turnout election.

In the last two decades, there have been three Spring Primaries for Superintendent of Public Instruction, in 2001, 2005 and 2009. For those primaries, the average turnout has been 5.9 percent of the voting-age population. In the same period, there were five primaries for Supreme Court Justice, averaging 7.3 percent turnout.

Wisconsin's Spring Election is April 4.

Elections Commission Administrator Michael Haas also reminded voters to bring their photo IDs when they go to the polls. For more information on which IDs are acceptable and how to get a free ID for voting, go to <http://bringit.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS (868-3947).

Statistics on past voter turnout and current voter registration are available at <http://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/statistics>. The state's turnout calculations are based on the voting age population, not on the number of registered voters.

Some municipal clerks calculate turnout based on registered voters, which can lead to significant differences in the percentages.