

UPDATE – 04/05/2020

VOTING IN THE APRIL 7, 2020 ELECTION – DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk

All polling places will be open from 7am to 8 pm on Election Day. Photo ID is required. Rest assured that Municipal Clerks and poll workers will take extra care in sanitizing election equipment, voting booths and their facility. **The National Guard has been called out and will be helping at polling places where requested throughout the state.**

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Voters can still register and vote on Election Day at the polls. Must provide Proof of Residence.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT – **following changes were made late on Thursday, April 2.**

This afternoon, Judge William Conley of the Western District of Wisconsin federal court has issued an order related to absentee ballots for next week's Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary. The Court ordered the following:

- 1) The deadline for the receipt of absentee ballots is extended to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020. The Court specifically did not add a requirement for a postmarked-by deadline as long as the ballot is returned by the new deadline.
- 2) The deadline for receipt of absentee ballot requests by mail, fax or email (and if deemed administratively feasible in the sole discretion of the WEC Administrator, online) is extended to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020.

#3 WAS OVERTURNED ON APPEAL. WITNESS SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED. CLERKS SHOULD WORK WITH ANY VOTER MISSING A WITNESS TO TRY TO RESOLVE 3) ~~A witness signature on the absentee ballot certificate envelope is not required if the absentee voter provides a written affirmation or other statement that they were unable to safely obtain a witness certification despite reasonable attempts to do so, provided the ballot is otherwise valid.~~

Judge Conley's decision was issued in a set of three federal lawsuits which were consolidated and which requested various remedies related to the Spring Election. The decision did not grant other requests such as postponing the election date or suspending and photo ID requirements for mail-in absentee voters.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

~~Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.~~ **CHANGE - Absentee ballots received up until 4:00 pm on April 13 will be counted. ELECTION RESULTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED BY THE MUNICIPALITY PRIOR TO 4:00 PM ON APRIL 13, 2020. ONCE RESULTS ARE ALL TALLIED, MUNICIPALITIES WILL REPORT RESULTS TO THE COUNTY FOR POSTING ON THE WEBSITE.**