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STATE SENATOR • 17<sup>TH</sup> SENATE DISTRICT

## Capitol Update

By Senator Howard Marklein

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## Get Ready To Vote

The partisan primary election is less than one month away. On Tuesday, August 9, 2016, many of us will vote in a primary election to determine the candidates who will be on the general election ballot in November.

In a partisan primary you are only allowed to cast votes in one party. For example, if there are two Republicans running for a specific seat and two Democrats running for a specific seat, you may only vote Republican or Democrat – not both.

As your State Senator, I wanted to remind you that you will need to bring photo identification to vote in August. If you do not have a valid form of photo identification for voting, now is the time to make plans to get your ID. For a full overview of the photo ID requirement, please visit the Elections Commission (formerly the Government Accountability Board (GAB)) website: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id>

The following forms of photo ID are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 4, 2014 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card or driver license without a photo issued under the religious exemption
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (May be used even if expired before the most recent general election.)

The following forms of photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- NEW: A veteran's photo identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college or technical college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university, college or technical college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

There are some exceptions to the photo ID requirement for military absentee, people who cannot leave their residence indefinitely and for religious reasons. For more information on these exceptions, please visit: <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/are-there-exceptions-new-law>

If you do not have any of the IDs mentioned in these lists, please make plans to visit a Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office to request a free Wisconsin Identification Card for the purposes of voting.

Most people should bring a certified birth certificate, a Social Security card and a utility bill or cell phone bill for the required documentation necessary to get an ID. However, if you do not have one of these items, there are other acceptable documents. The DMV's requirements fall into four categories:

- Proof of Name and Date of Birth – documents such as birth certificates, current US passport, valid foreign passport, Certificate of Naturalization and more.
- Proof of Identity – documents such as Social Security Card, Military Discharge papers, US Government and Military Dependent ID card, Certified Marriage Certificate, Judgement of Divorce and more.
- Proof of Citizenship or Legal Status – documents such as US state or local government-issued birth certificate, US Certificate of Citizenship and more.
- Proof of Wisconsin Residency – documents such as utility bill, cell phone bill, bank account statement, employee photo ID from a current employer, paycheck stub, hunting or fishing license and more.

For a full list of valid documentation, please visit <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/how-do-i-get-free-state-id-card>

The DMV locations in our counties follow. For more locations visit: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/find-dmv/default.aspx>

### **Grant County**

Platteville Service Center  
Highway 151 Industrial Park  
31 Means Drive, Platteville, WI 53818  
Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Green County**

Monroe Service Center  
815 1st Avenue  
Monroe, WI 53566  
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Iowa County**

Dodgeville Service Center  
Springgate Mall

316 W. Spring Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533  
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Juneau County**

Mauston Service Center  
318 E. State Street  
Mauston, WI 53948  
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Lafayette County**

Darlington Service Center  
197 Christensen Drive  
Darlington, WI 53530  
Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Monroe County**

Tomah Service Center  
1021 N. Superior Ave.  
Tomah, WI 54660  
Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Richland County**

Richland Center Service Center  
26136 Executive Lane, Suite A  
Richland Center, WI 53581  
Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Sauk County**

Baraboo Service Center  
1000 Log Lodge Court  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Reedsburg Service Center  
Town Hall  
600 W. Main Street  
Reedsburg, WI 53959  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesday of the month 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sauk City - Community Center  
730 Monroe Street

Sauk City, WI 53583

5th Wednesday of the month 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Vernon County**

Viroqua Service Center

1316 N. Main Street

Viroqua, WI 54665

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Again, plan ahead! If you, or someone you know, do not have a valid photo ID for the upcoming election, make plans to visit a DMV to get your free ID. Your vote matters. Every vote matters.

For more information and to connect with me, visit my website

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/17/marklein> and subscribe to my weekly E-Update by sending an email to [Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov). Do not hesitate to call 800-978-8008 if you have input, ideas or need assistance with any state-related matters.

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