

-CONFIDENTIAL VOTERS-

Information Provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

DO CONFIDENTIAL VOTERS NEED TO PROVIDE PHOTO ID?

- An elector who has a confidential listing may present his or her Identification Card for Protected Individual (EL-148) or give his or her name and confidential voter identification serial number in lieu of stating his or her name and address and presenting a valid photo ID.
- Confidential electors who vote at the polling place must sign the poll list. Only electors who are unable to sign because of a disability are exempt from this requirement.
- When voting absentee, the individual who provides a confidential voter number does not need to provide proof of identification or provide a street address on the absentee certificate envelope.

WHAT IS A CONFIDENTIAL VOTER?

- **Electors who are victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking** have the option to be listed confidentially on the voter list.
- To be eligible for confidential listing an individual must provide 1 of 5 documents:
 - A copy of a protective order that is still in effect
 - An affidavit from a sheriff, chief of police, or district attorney that is dated within 30 days of the date of the request, which verifies that a person has been charged with or convicted of an offense relating to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking in which the elector was a victim and reasonably continues to be threatened by that person. (See form EL-147)
 - A statement signed by the operator or authorized agent of the operator of a shelter that is dated within 30 days of the date of the request for confidential voter status, which indicates that the operator operates the shelter and that the individual making the request resides in the shelter. Clerks can obtain a list of providers by contacting the Wisconsin Elections Commission.
 - A statement signed by an authorized representative of a domestic abuse shelter or a sexual assault victim service provider that is dated within 30 days of the date of the request for confidential voter status, which contains the elector's full name and indicates that the elector received services from the provider within the 24-month period ending on the date of the statement. Clerks can obtain a list of providers by contacting the Wisconsin Elections Commission.
 - Confirmation from the Department of Justice that the requester is a participant in the Safe at Home program

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE IF I AM A CONFIDENTIAL VOTER?

- An individual must *personally* register to vote in the office of the municipal clerk and make a *written request* for confidentiality. The elector may use the form entitled *Elector Request for Confidential Listing (EL-147)*. You may bring in another elector to assist you if you wish.
- If an individual is not registered on Election Day and wishes to obtain a confidential listing, the elector must register at the clerk's office before they may vote. Upon completion of registration the municipal clerk shall issue an Identification Card for Protected Individual to the voter and the voter may use the identification card in lieu of stating his or her name and address and presenting proof of identification.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, visit bringit.wi.gov.

For other information on the Wisconsin Elections Commission, visit <http://elections.wi.gov> or call the Elections Help Desk at 608-266-8005.