

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

WAUKESHA COUNTY

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at an election to be held in the County of Waukesha on November 8, 2022, the following proposed Resolution of the County Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT ADVISORY REFERENDA ON UNIFORMITY IN ELECTION LAWS AND ADMINISTRATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, a lack of uniformity in the application of Wisconsin's elections laws during the 2020 elections undermined the people's confidence in the outcome of elections held across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, more than six million dollars of out-of-state corporate money was directed into select Wisconsin cities for election operations creating a lack of uniformity; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution provides for uniformity in taxation and in the enactment of general laws by the legislature but not in voting laws; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution requiring uniformity in the administration of elections held in Wisconsin is necessary to protect our democracy and preserve our fundamental right to vote so that all voters are treated the same and so that our election laws are reliable and predictable; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Wisconsin cannot veto a Constitutional amendment passed by the Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the following questions be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot as advisory referenda:

Question 1: Should the Wisconsin Legislature prepare and place on the statewide ballot a Constitutional Amendment requiring that election administration, access to ballots, and counting of ballots be nearly uniform as practicable?

Question 2: Should the Wisconsin Legislature prepare and place on the statewide ballot a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting non-governmental entities and any individual other than election officials designated by law from funding, managing, or performing any task in election administration?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel is directed to prepare a Notice of Referenda, including the date of the referenda, the entire text of the questions, as well as explanatory statements of the effect if either a yes or no vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution and Referenda be filed with the Waukesha County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 8, 2022 election, at which the Questions will appear on the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waukesha County Clerk shall send the results of the Referenda to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin County Boards, and to all local members of the Wisconsin Legislature.

The question(s) will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Should the Wisconsin Legislature prepare and place on the statewide ballot a Constitutional Amendment requiring that election administration, access to ballots, and counting of ballots be nearly uniform as practicable?"

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 2: "Should the Wisconsin Legislature prepare and place on the statewide ballot a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting non-governmental entities and any individual other than election officials designated by law from funding, managing or performing any task in election administration?"

Yes _____ No _____

Explanation:

QUESTION 1

A "Yes" vote to QUESTION 1 means that you are advising the Wisconsin Legislature to prepare and place on the statewide ballot an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution requiring that election administration, access to ballots, and counting of ballots be nearly uniform as practicable.

A "No" vote to QUESTION 1 means that you are advising the Wisconsin Legislature to NOT prepare and place on the statewide ballot an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution requiring that election administration, access to ballots, and counting of ballots be nearly uniform as practicable.

QUESTION 2

A “Yes” vote to QUESTION 2 means that you are advising the Wisconsin Legislature to prepare and place on the statewide ballot an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution prohibiting non-governmental entities and any individual other than election officials designated by law from funding, managing or performing any task in election administration.

A “No” vote to QUESTION 2 means that you are advising the Wisconsin Legislature to NOT prepare and place on the statewide ballot a constitutional amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution prohibiting non-governmental entities and any individual other than election officials designated by law from funding, managing or performing any task in election administration.