

SAVINGS ANALYSIS FOR E-POLL BOOKS

E-poll books have been introduced to the State of Wisconsin in 2018. The benefits of investing in this opportunity would mean efficiencies in 4 areas:

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- E-poll books will note absentee ballots for electors that vote in office or by mail. Currently, poll books are printed the week prior to an election. Staff must hand record when an elector votes absentee after the poll books are printed. Because absentee voting occurs until 5 pm the Friday prior to an election, these notations must occur over the weekend, requiring staff overtime and approximately 30 temp staff to assist.

VOTER NUMBERS

- Voter numbers will be assigned electronically. Currently, we use a grid method to assign voter numbers at the polls. Mistakes do occasionally occur, costing staff time to locate the errors to balance the poll book numbers.

POLL WORKER WAGES

- The number of poll workers that would need to be assigned to a polling location would decrease. Currently, paper poll books are required to be printed for each ward in duplicate with a poll worker assigned to each book. With e-poll books only one poll worker would need to be assigned to each ward. This translates to savings estimated at 30 – 50% of poll worker salaries per election.

RECORDING OF VOTES AND VOTER REGISTRATIONS

- E-poll book data will be uploaded to WisVote. Currently, we go through each poll book post-election and record elector participation, along with entering each voter registration form in the WisVote system. E-poll books would save up to 200 staff and temporary staff hours per election.

- **COST BREAKDOWN**

Badger Books Cost - \$149,977

Poll Workers –

- 2024 April and November Election - \$83,984.29
- 2025 April Election – \$31,654.26

Reducing locations in the City would cut costs by the following:

- Chiefs/Backup Chiefs - \$3,000 (per Election)
- Poll Workers – 114 less for Elections - \$11,400 (per Election)

Poll Location Rental Fee –

- 4 Elections - \$4,400

Moving to Badger Books will also eliminate Saturday Numbering prior to Election Day, which would be a cost savings of approximately \$2,880.00 per election, it will also be a reduction on staff overtime with the elimination. For one election, reducing polling location sizes and moving to Badger Books would be a cost savings of approximately \$15,680, and for four elections it would be approximately \$62,720 in savings.