

## Primaries, Jefferson referendum Tuesday

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JEFFERSON — Jefferson County-area voters will be going to the polls Tuesday for the primary election and an operational referendum.

Across the state, voters will cast ballots in primaries for Wisconsin Supreme Court, while there also are primaries for Walworth County judge, the District 10 seat on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors and the Oconomowoc Area School District Board of Education.

The School District of Jefferson, meanwhile, is holding an operational referendum.

All polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and are accessible to the elderly and disabled.

Tuesday marks the first time electors in Wisconsin will be required to show voter identification cards in order to cast ballots in elections.

Acceptable IDs include those issued by universities or technical colleges, Wisconsin state IDs, Wisconsin driver's licenses and state ID receipts, tribal IDs, U.S. passports, U.S. Uniformed Services ID cards and certificates of naturalization.

The following outlines what will be on Tuesday's ballots:

### Supreme Court

A seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court is up for election with a three-way race.

Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley — appointed to a temporary seat on the state's highest court by Gov. Scott Walker after Justice N. Patrick Crooks' death in September — will face Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Joe Donald and State Court of Appeals Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg in Tuesday's primary for a spot on the April 5 ballot.

The position is for a 10-year-term.

### Walworth County judge

Family Court Commissioner Daniel Johnson, Walworth County District Attorney Daniel Necci and Delavan/Lake Geneva/Salem attorney Shannon Wynn are vying for the Walworth County Circuit Court judge position being vacated by Judge James Carlson, who will retire in July after having served for 36 years on the bench.

### Watertown mayor

Three candidates are running for the position of Watertown mayor. Tuesday's primary election will whittle the ballot down to two.

Mayor John David, Alderman Jim Romlein and Jordan Turner, co-founder of the Watertown-based Global Conservation, are in the running for the city's top elected position.

Romlein was first elected as an alderman in 1996, was re-elected in 2013 and again in 2015, so that he is now serving his third consecutive term.

David was first elected as an alderman in 1996, re-elected in 1998 and again in 2000. He served as mayor from 2001-07, leaving office due to term limits. He was elected as an alderman again in 2011 and then ran and was elected as mayor again in 2013.

### **Jefferson schools**

School District of Jefferson residents will cast ballots on an operational referendum seeking voter permission for the district to exceed the revenue limit on a nonrecurring basis.

The formal question on the ballot will read: "Shall the School District of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by up to \$775,000 per year for a period of three years on a non-recurring basis beginning with the 2016-17 school year, and ending with the 2018-19 school year, for the purpose of maintaining the current level of educational programs and staff?"

If approved, the funds would go toward maintaining the current level of educational programs and staff throughout the district. "Non-recurring" means each year's allotment of \$775,000 is not added into the general budget in successive years, but is approved for that year alone.

While a failed referendum last year would have had a tax impact of \$1.08 per \$1,000 equalized valuation, this one, if approved, would reflect a cost of 73 cents per \$1,000.

### **Oconomowoc schools**

The Oconomowoc Area School District has two seats on the school board up for the April election.

Tuesday's primary will narrow to four the field of candidates, which includes incumbents Steve Zimmer and Dave Guckenberger and newcomers Kim Verhein Herro, Jason L. Kelly and James Wood.

Both positions are for three-year terms.

### **County board**

All 30 seats on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors will be on the spring ballot on April 5. At least four of them will be contested and two will have new faces.

Three candidates are on the Feb. 16 primary ballot, seeking to advance to the April election to represent District 10 on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors.

Incumbent Supervisor Al Counsell filed noncandidacy papers and is not running for a new term.

Newcomers Mark Groose, Marilyn Buelow and former supervisor Lloyd Zastrow will face off in Tuesday's primary to narrow the field to two candidates for the April 5 general election.

District 10 includes Wards 1 and 3 in the Town of Concord, Wards 3 and 4 in the Town of Ixonia.