STATE OF WISCONSIN 7TH JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

ORDER APPOINTING JUDGES RESPONSIBLE TO HANDLE ELECTION ISSUES IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, there may be issues which arise concerning Wisconsin's 2026 elections; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid uncertainty, confusion, or forum shopping, it has been suggested that chief judges issue orders clarifying which circuit court judge in each county is responsible for handling election-related issues, including whether to extend the hours that polls should remain open; and

WHEREAS, the presiding judge in single-judge counties is responsible for handling election-related issues in their county; and

WHEREAS, multi-judge counties in the Seventh Judicial Administrative District have an established intake duty judge schedule; and

WHEREAS, absent conflicts, the intake duty judge schedule is an effective means to determine the judge responsible to handle election-related issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in the multi-judge counties of the Seventh Judicial Administrative District the judge assigned intake duty judge responsibilities for each circuit court on election day (February 17, 2026 and April 7, 2026, August 11, 2026, and November 3, 2026), is designated the court to handle all election-related issues;

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2025.

Scott Horne

Scott L. Horne
Chief Judge
Seventh Judicial District