



2011

# Ask. Learn. Vote!

2011 Wisconsin Women's  
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Wisconsin Alliance for  
**Women's Health**

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## Your Vote is Your Voice – Speak Up, Vote and Be Heard!

The mission of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health is to advance comprehensive women's health in Wisconsin by engaging, educating, empowering and mobilizing individuals and organizations. Our vision is an environment in which all Wisconsin women at every stage of life can realize their optimal health and well-being.

As a part of our mission and vision, the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health believes that voting is an indispensable part of being an advocate for women's health. Our legislative leaders are making decisions every day that affect women's lives. By voting, women's health supporters can make sure that our representatives focus on women's health priorities.

This summer, starting on July 12th, special Recall Elections will be held in Wisconsin in nine State

Senate Districts. For those of you residing in these districts, this guide is developed to help you learn how candidates in your area weigh in on women's health issues important to you.

<http://www.wisconsinvote.org/candidateProfile.cfm?id=715>

First and foremost be sure to **Ask** these candidates about their positions on different policies affecting women's health in Wisconsin. **Ask** about their stance on programs and issues like BadgerCare, family planning, child care support, mental health parity, contraceptive equity and health care reform implementation. You can **Learn** directly from the candidates by asking them where they weigh in on issues important to you and by also reviewing how they have voted on issues impacting women's health before. Once you **Ask** and **Learn** be sure to register and plan to **Vote** this summer.

### Visit these helpful online resources:

- **WI Government Accountability Board:** <http://gab.wi.gov/>
- **Wisconsin Vote:** [www.wisconsinvote.org](http://www.wisconsinvote.org)
- **WI League of Women Voters:** [www.lwvwi.org](http://www.lwvwi.org)
- **We the People Wisconsin:** [www.wtpeople.com](http://www.wtpeople.com)
- **Project Vote Smart:** [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)
- **On The Issues:** [www.ontheissues.org](http://www.ontheissues.org)
- **Women's Voices. Women Vote.** [www.wvww.org](http://www.wvww.org)


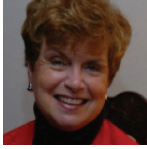





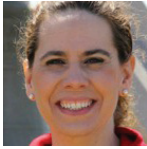


















To find out who's running for office in your area, visit: [www.wisconsinvote.org/candidates.cfm](http://www.wisconsinvote.org/candidates.cfm)

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# July/Aug Wisconsin Special Elections

Recall elections give voters the right to reconsider their choice of an elected official; however, it does not automatically result in removal of an official from office. It provides an opportunity for voters to require an elected official to run for office again before the expiration of his or her term. The number of signatures required to trigger a recall is one-quarter of the number of votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. The following are Senate Districts where Recall Elections will take place.

Senate District	Election Date	Candidates		
		Incumbent	Challenger(s)	
<b>SD2- Green Bay</b>	July 12 (Primary) Aug 9 (General)	 <b>Robert Cowles (R)</b>	 <b>Nancy Nussbaum (D)</b>	 <b>Otto C. Junkermann (D)</b>
<b>SD8- River Hills</b>	July 12 (Primary) Aug 9 (General)	 <b>Alberta Darling (R)</b>	 <b>Sandy Pasch (D)</b>	 <b>Gladys Huber (D)</b>
<b>SD10- River Falls</b>	July 12 (Primary) Aug 9 (General)	 <b>Sheila Harsdorf (R)</b>	 <b>Shelly Moore (D)</b>	 <b>Isaac Weix (D)</b>
<b>SD12- Conover</b>	July 19 (Primary) Aug 16 (General)	 <b>Jim Holperin (D)</b>	 <b>Robert Lussow (R)</b>	 <b>Kim Simac (R)</b>
<b>SD14- Ripon</b>	July 12 (Primary) Aug 9 (General)	 <b>Luther Olsen (R)</b>	 <b>Fred Clark (D)</b>	 <b>Rol Church (D)</b>
<b>SD19- Fond du Lac</b>	July 12 (Primary) Aug 9 (General)	 <b>Randy Hopper (R)</b>	 <b>Jessica King (D)</b>	 <b>John D. Buckstaff (D)</b>
<b>SD22- Kenosha</b>	July 19 (Primary) Aug 16 (General)	 <b>Robert Wirch (D)</b>	 <b>Fred Ekornaas (R)</b>	 <b>Jonathan Steitz (R)</b>
<b>SD30- Green Bay</b>	July 19 (Primary) Aug 16 (General)	 <b>Dave Hansen (D)</b>	 <b>David VanderLeest (R)</b>	
<b>SD32- La Crosse</b>	July 12 (Primary) Aug 9 (General)	 <b>Dan Kapanke (R)</b>	 <b>Jennifer Shilling (D)</b>	 <b>James D. Smith (D)</b>

# Legislator Voting Record 2011

**For those candidates who are currently serving or served last session in the State Legislature, the following is a list of votes taken on a number of issues that impact women's health.**

CANDIDATE	AB 7 SB 6	SB 93	Budget Motion to Defund Planned Parenthood	Budget Motion to Dismantle Family Planning	Budget Motion to Restrict Abortion Access
Sen. Robert Cowles (R)	+	+			
Sen. Alberta Darling (R)	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sandy Pasch (D)	—	—			
Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R)	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Jim Holperin (D)	—	+			
Sen. Luther Olsen (R)	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Fred Clark (D)	—	+			
Sen. Randy Hopper (R)	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Bob Wirch (D)	—	+			
Sen. Dave Hansen (D)	—	—			
Sen. Dan Kapanke (R)	+	+			
Rep. Jen Shilling (D)	—	—	—	—	—

CANDIDATE	SB 271	SB 460 AB 653	SB 362 AB 512	AB 57	AB 458
Sen. Robert Cowles (R)	+	—	—		—
Sen. Alberta Darling (R)	+	—	+		—
Rep. Sandy Pasch (D)	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R)	+	—	—	+	—
Sen. Jim Holperin (D)	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Luther Olsen (R)	+	—	—		—
Rep. Fred Clark (D)	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Randy Hopper (R)	+	+	—	+	—
Sen. Bob Wirch (D)	—	—	—		—
Sen. Dave Hansen (D)	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Dan Kapanke (R)	+	—	+		—
Rep. Jen Shilling (D)	+	+	+	NV	+

KEY	
+	Voted to support women's health
—	Voted against women's health
NV	No vote / Did not vote
V	Vacant/Seat was vacant at time of vote

## Vote Descriptions

**AB7/SB 6:** Vote to require photo identification at polling place or to obtain absentee ballot, with changes to the residency requirement from 10 to 28 days.

**SB 93:** Vote to allow individuals to carry concealed weapons in places such a bar, a day care center, a public building, a domestic abuse center and a health care center.

**SB 271:** Vote to ban the toxic chemical bisphenol-A (BPA) from children's products.

**SB 460/AB 653:** Vote to allow physicians, physician assistants, or certified advanced practice nurse to prescribe and pharmacists to dispense an antimicrobial drug for treating the three most common STDs to a patient's partner(s).

**SB 362/AB 512:** Vote to require most group health plans in Wisconsin to provide mental health and substance use disorder benefits at parity levels.

**AB 57:** Vote to allow a mother to breastfeed her child in any public or private location where the mother and child are otherwise authorized to be.

**AB 458:** Vote to ensure that schools who choose to teach sex education are using curriculum proven to reduce risky behaviors that result in unintended teenage pregnancy and STDs.



## Voting Basics: What You Need to Know

### In order to vote, you must be:

- ★ A citizen of the United States
- ★ 18 years or older
- ★ A resident of Wisconsin
- ★ A registered voter

### New Voter ID Legislation

Governor Walker signed the voter photo ID law on May 25, 2011, which changes ID requirements and other voting rules. Most of these changes will be implemented in 2012, but a few changes will occur sooner:

- ★ Voters at special and recall elections in 2011 will be asked to show a photo ID; however, a photo ID will not be required until the Presidential Preference Primary in Spring of 2012.
- ★ Residency requirement now 28 rather than 10 days
- ★ Early voting period at municipal clerks' offices now 2 weeks, rather than 4 and will end on the Friday before Election day.

### Voting at the Polls

If you do not register to vote ahead of time, you can **register to vote on Election Day** at your polling place if you have lived at your current address for more than **28 days**. Be sure to bring proof of residence with your current address such as your driver's license or phone or utility bill, or residential lease (*same for if you've changed your name or moved*). If your name does not appear on the voter list at your polling place, you must complete a voter registration application before you will be allowed to vote.

### Additional rules from the Federal Government:

- ★ If you are registering to vote you must supply your Wisconsin Department of Transportation - issued driver's license number.
- ★ If you have not been issued a Wisconsin driver's license, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number OR your Wisconsin ID card number.
- ★ If you have a driver's license but do not know the number and did not bring it to the polling place, poll workers should allow you to vote by provisional ballot.

*\* Proof of residence can include a driver's license, Wisconsin ID card, residential lease, a real estate tax bill, a cable TV, gas, electric, telephone or other utility service statement (for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day), a bank statement, a current paycheck, or check or other document issued by a governmental unit.*

### Early Voting

If you can't make it to the polls, you can complete the Application For Absentee Ballot found at <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/absentee> and mail it to your municipal clerk's office. The application must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. The completed ballot must be received by the municipal clerk no later than the day of the election so that it can be delivered to the polling location by 8 p.m. You can also vote early at your local municipal clerks' office. Please check with your municipal clerk for regular office hours.

# Voter's Bill of Rights

## Your Health, Your Rights, Your Vote!

1. On Election Day, if you are in line while the polls are open, and if you are in line at 8:00 p.m., **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**. Wis. Stat. §§6.78.
2. If your name is on the list of registered voters **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**. If you are a first time voter who registered by mail prior to the close of registration and did not include proof of residence, you will appear on the poll list with the notation "POR Required" and must provide proof of residence to be eligible to vote. If you do not have proof of residence with you at the polls on Election Day, you can vote a provisional ballot and must provide the information to election officials by 8 pm the day of the election or to the municipal clerk by 4 pm the Friday following the election. §§ 6.47(2)-(3), 6.79(2)
3. If you have not registered to vote or if you did register, but your name is not on the registration list, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** at that polling place if you are at the correct location after (i) signing a registration form and (ii) providing proof of your residence or having another voter verify your residence. §§ 6.29(2)(a), 6.54, 6.55(2)(a)-(c), 6.55(3), and 6.55(7)
4. If you cannot read, you have difficulty understanding English, or you are blind or otherwise physically disabled, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to receive assistance when voting from anyone except your employer or an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. § 6.82
5. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request a paper ballot if you cannot use the voting machine due to your disability. § 6.82(3)
6. If you are elderly or handicapped, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to a polling place that is accessible to you. If your polling place is not accessible, your local election officials can reassign you to one that is accessible. §§ 5.25(4)(a) and 5.25(5)(b)
7. If you have moved to Wisconsin within 28 days of the Presidential Election and are otherwise qualified to vote, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** for president and vice-president even if you were not registered in the state from which you moved. § 6.15
8. If you have moved between wards or municipalities at least 28 days before the election, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** in your new ward or municipality. §§ 6.02(2), 6.10(3), 6.40(1), and 6.55(2)
9. If you moved within 28 days of the election you cannot vote in your new ward or municipality but **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** in your old ward or municipality. §§ 6.02(2) and 6.10(3)
10. If you make a mistake or "spoil" your ballot, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request a replacement ballot from election officials. You may receive up to three replacement ballots. § 6.80(2)(c)
11. If you have been convicted of a felony, but are no longer required to report to a probation or parole officer, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**. §§ 6.03(1)(b) and 304.078
12. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to take time off from work to vote, but no more than three successive hours, as long as you give notice before election day. Your employer may set the time of day. § 6.76
13. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to bring your minor child or minor ward into the voting booth with you. § 6.80(1)
14. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to bring an unofficial sample ballot into the voting booth with you. § 6.80(2)(a)
15. When you are within 100 feet of the entrance to a building containing a polling place, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WAIT TO VOTE (OR VOTE)** without anyone electioneering or trying to influence your vote. §§ 12.03 and 6.82(4)