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APRIL 1 ELECTIONS

Name	Jurisdiction	Issue	Question
Town of Brooklyn Treasurer Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF BROOKLYN - GREEN LAKE COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person holding the office of town treasurer in the town of Brooklyn be appointed by the town board?
Town of Rock Falls Clerk Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF ROCK FALLS - LINCOLN COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person holding the office of Town Clerk in the Town of Rock Falls be appointed by the town board?
Town of Rock Falls Treasurer Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF ROCK FALLS - LINCOLN COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person holding the office of Town Treasurer in the Town of Rock Falls be appointed by the town board?
Town of Sigel Referendum Clerk or Treasurer Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF SIGEL - CHIPPEWA COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person holding the office of Town Clerk or the Town Treasurer in the Town of Sigel be appointed by the town board?
Town of Superior Town Clerk Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF SUPERIOR - DOUGLAS COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person holding the office of town clerk in the Town of Superior be appointed by the town board?
Town of Washburn Clerk and Treasurer Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF WASHBURN - CLARK COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person(s) holding the office of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in the Town of Washburn be appointed by the town board?
Town of Wausau Clerk Appointment Referendum	TOWN OF WAUSAU - MARATHON COUNTY	Board Appointment	Shall the person holding the office of Town Clerk in the Town of Wausau be appointed by the Town Board?
City of Lake Mills L.D. Fargo Public Library Funding Referendum	CITY OF LAKE MILLS - JEFFERSON COUNTY	Borrow Funds	Should the City Council of the City of Lake Mills authorize the borrowing and expenditure of up to $2,500,000.00 for the construction and associated development expenses of an addition and renovation of the L.D. Fargo Public Library at 120 East Madison Street in the City of Lake Mills?
City of Platteville Aquatic Center Referendum	CITY OF PLATTEVILLE - GRANT COUNTY	Borrow Funds	Should the City of Platteville borrow up to $6.9 million for the construction of a replacement aquatic center?

Village of Trempealeau Train Quiet Zone Referendum	VILLAGE OF TREMPEALEAU - TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	Borrow Funds	Should the Village be authorized to borrow up to $250,000 to fund road improvements required to establish a Train Quiet Zone throughout the Village of Trempealeau?
City of Brookfield Property Tax Levy Referendum	CITY OF BROOKFIELD - WAUKESHA COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Brookfield for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 1.016%, which results in a levy of $43,536,841. Shall the City of Brookfield be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of maintaining City service levels, including police, fire, and emergency medical services staffing, road maintenance, and quality of life amenities, by a total of 13.781%, which results in a levy of $49,536,841, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $6,000,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
City of Green Lake Tax Levy Referendum	CITY OF GREEN LAKE - GREEN LAKE COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Green Lake for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 1.709%, which results in a levy of $1,163,218. Shall the City of Green Lake be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of additional public safety protection services, by a total of 64.476%, which results in a levy of $1,913,218, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $750,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
City of Marshfield Public Safety Referendum	CITY OF MARSHFIELD - MULTIPLE COUNTIES	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Marshfield for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 1.015%, which results in a levy of $15,703,991. Shall the City of Marshfield be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of returning to 2021 staffing levels by hiring and retaining two full-time firefighter/paramedics, by a total of 1.63%, which results in a levy of $15,960,894, and, on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $256,903 for each fiscal year going forward?
City of Racine Levy Increase Referendum	CITY OF RACINE - RACINE COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Racine for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to .679% which results in a levy of $59,288,390. Shall the City of Racine be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, and on an ongoing basis for the purpose of enhancing, strengthening and equipping those Emergency Medical Services personnel for the Citizens of Racine by retaining Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians by a total of 2.53%, which results in a levy of $60,788,390 and on an ongoing basis include the increase of $1,500,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
City of Whitewater Police and Fire/EMS Referendum	CITY OF WHITEWATER - MULTIPLE COUNTIES	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Whitewater for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 2.166%, which results in a levy of $6,600,275. Shall the City of Whitewater be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026 for the purpose of funding increased staffing, and continuing to operate police and fire/EMS services, by a total of 18.29%,

			which results in a levy of $7,906,057, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $1,305,782 for each fiscal year going forward?
Town of Casey Tax Levy Increase Referendum	TOWN OF CASEY - WASHBURN COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Casey for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 0%, which results in a levy of $254,447. Shall the Town of Casey be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for road maintenance, by a total of $63,611.75, which results in a levy of $318,058.75 on an ongoing basis.
Cottage Grove Public Library Referendum	VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE - DANE COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Cottage Grove for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 4.355%, which results in a levy of $7,062,581. Shall the Village of Cottage Grove be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of constructing and operating a library at 312 W Cottage Grove Road, Cottage Grove, WI 53527, by a total of 18.407%, which results in a levy of $8,362,581, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $1,300,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
Village of Fairchild Tax Levy Referendum	VILLAGE OF FAIRCHILD - EAU CLAIRE COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Fairchild for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 1.085%, which results in a levy of $97,418. QUESTION: "Shall the Village of Fairchild be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for increasing police services, by a total of 51.325%, which results in a levy of $147,418, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $50,000 for each fiscal year going forward?"
Village of Melrose Levy Increase Referendum	VILLAGE OF MELROSE - JACKSON COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Melrose for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 0.439%, which results in a levy of $72,803. Shall the Village of Melrose be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for Village Operating Expenses and Ambulance Service, by a total of 68.679%, which results in a levy of $122,803, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $50,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
Village of Oregon Levy Increase Referendum	VILLAGE OF OREGON - DANE COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Oregon for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 3.268%, which results in a levy of $10,200,777. Shall the Village of Oregon be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of maintaining the current level of public services including police, public works and parks, library, and senior center services by a total of 19.116%, which results in a levy of $12,150,777 and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $1,950,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
Village of Palmyra Tax Levy Increase Referendum	VILLAGE OF PALMYRA - JEFFERSON COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Palmyra for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 0.014%, which results in a levy of $1,295,005. Shall the Village of Palmyra be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of providing funding for operations of police, fire, and emergency

			medical services, by a total of 27.027%, which results in a levy of $1,645,005 and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $350,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
Village of Vernon Tax Levy Increase Referendum	VILLAGE OF VERNON - WAUKESHA COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Vernon for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026 is limited to .887%, which results in a levy of $2,200,098. Shall the Village of Vernon be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of recruiting and retaining Paramedics/EMT's and firefighters to serve the Village of Vernon's Fire Department by a total of 31.817%, which results in a levy of $2,900,098, and, on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $700,000 for each fiscal year going forward?
Village of Willams Bay Public Safety Referendum	VILLAGE OF WILLIAMS BAY - WALWORTH COUNTY	Local Levy	Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Williams Bay for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 0.602%, which results in a levy of $3,966,269. Shall the Village of Williams Bay be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of providing increased resources for the Police Department to fund additional officers and additional resources to support those officers, by a total of 10.085% which results in a levy of $4,366,249, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of $399,980 for each fiscal year going forward?
City of Tomahawk Fluoridation Advisory Referendum	CITY OF TOMAHAWK - LINCOLN COUNTY	Municipal Water	Should the City of Tomahawk fluoridate the municipal water supply?
City of Antigo Level of Government Conducting Referendum	CITY OF ANTIGO - LANGLADE COUNTY	Term Limits	Should the City of Antigo implement term limits to the elected positions of Alderperson and Mayor stating no person shall serve more than four (4) consecutive two-year terms and after serving for four (4) consecutive two-year terms, the person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to an Alderperson or Mayor seat for a period of six (6) years with the term limits applying retroactively to January 1, 2016?